The Practical SCHEME Of *The Secret Diſeaſe*, And Broken Conſtitutions.

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Teaching Perſons, Iſt. To underſtand rightly their own CASE: Whether Infected or not: In what Degree of Malignity: And if well after former Cures.

II. To Cure themſelves of Secret Injuries, Heat of Urine Virulent Runnings, &c. Alſo a Broken, Spoiled, Decayed & Ruined Conſtitution and Habit of Body, by Faſt-Living, Former ill Cures, Salivations, and Mercury, without Suſpicion, Confinement or Diſcovering their Caſe to any one. Clearly explaining the moſt certain Signs to know this Diſeaſe by, with the true Method of Curing it: As when? How much? And what ſort of *Purging* is Neceſſary for the Cure of it? And what Degrees of it may be cured without.

This Book (as alſo thoſe Others on the GOUT and *Rheumatiſm*: the Anodyne *Necklace*: *Gleets* and other ſuch *Weakneſſes*: AGUES, *Fevers*, *&c.* as mentioned hereafter in the Advertiſement at the end of this Scheme) is *Given Gratis* (in moſt European Languages)

UP *One Pair of Stairs at the Sign of The Celebrated Anodyne*

NECKLACE

(Recommended by the late Dr. *Chamberlen*) for *Childrens* TEETH, *&c. near the* Roſe Tavern *without Temple-Bar.*

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And at Mrs. *Garway*'s Shop the Sign of This SCHEME *at the Royal Exchange* (South) *Gate*, on *Cornhill-ſide.*

Dedicated to Dr. Chamberlen.

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To the Worthy Dr. Paul Chamberlen.

SR. *Having had the Honour to Communicate to you The Preparations of thoſe Medicines now ſo well known by the Names of the* Specifick Remedy *and* Elixir *for the* Secret Diſeaſe, *&* Broken Conſtitutions: *You was pleaſed not only to Honour them with your Eſteem; but alſo to give the following* Approbation *of* Them *& the Celebrated Anodyne* NECKLACE *for Children's* TEETH, *Signed with your own Hand, with Leave to Publiſh it to the World.*

You having been alſo pleaſed to Give me leave to let the World know that You Approve of, & Adviſe the Wearing of this NECKLACE, in many Caſes; but eſpecially To all Children for the Eaſy Breeding, & Cutting of their Teeth: *I take this occaſion to inform the World of the eſteem You are pleaſed to have for it.*

Your frequent ſending for theſe Remedies to Cure your own POOR Patients with, is not for want of knowing the beſt Methods of Cure in theſe Caſes, if you would but give your ſelf the Trouble to undertake them: But your Practice lying moſtly another Way, *You was pleaſed to tell me that Your Value for THESE Remedies made you uſe 'em to Cure the Poor with. And as the Former Editions of this Book have been Honour'd with your Eſteem, ſo I ſhall always be proud to continue it to the World under the Protection of your* GREAT NAME.

AND *ſince among all the Diſeaſes Mankind is afflicted with, there is none that is accompanied with more fatal Conſequences, cauſes more Shame or Pain; ſubjects Man more to the Laws of Repentance, produces more Diſaſters to the Body, Afflictions to the Mind, and in fine Bids fairer for the Ruin of Body, Eſtate, Reputation, and Poſterity in this* World, *and of* Soul *in the next, than That which is a Sequel of thoſe Crimes which St.* Paul *forbids even to be named amongſt Chriſtians; 'tis conſequently the greateſt of Good to aſſiſt ſuch unhappy Perſons as much as one can: It being an Incumbent Duty upon every Man ſo far as he is able, to publiſh to the* World *in Print, what he has found uſeful for the good of Mankind in Practice. Not Deſigning therefore to Write here a long Speculative Treatiſe of this* Diſtemper, *but only a Short* Practical *Inſtructive Method of it's Cure: I ſhall Omit all unneceſſary Preambles of it's* Antiquity, Different Names, *&c. the knowledge of which will not make a Patient a bit the better: & only Trouble my Reader with what ſhall be Neceſſary to underſtand his own Caſe by; & to Cure himſelf: as I promiſed him in the Title Page, & which without doubt was his Inducement to Fetch or Send for the Book.*

And indeed 'tis ſuch a little Book as This, that Gentlemen and others have a long Time wanted, whoſe Aim to be ſure is to get themſelves WELL, *and not to be Informed, How many* Different Names *the Diſeaſe has? Whether* known to the Ancients *or not? and ſuch like matters Alien to their Cure. 'Tis ſufficient to Their Sorrow that it is Misfortunately known to* Them: *and therefore* Their *buſineſs is to get* CURED *of it as Soon as they can, and not to be ſolicitous whether the Ancients had it or not? Gentlemen are Ill, and 'tis a* CURE *They want. And this not Any ſort of* CURE: *Not a Falſ*

aliative CURE *by pernicious Mercurials and Aſtringents: But*—— *A* Pleaſant *Cure without Diet-Drinks, Bolus's and Pills.* —— *An* Expeditious *Cure that's preſently over.*—— *A* Safe *Cure without Danger of Relapſe.*—— *An* Eaſy *Cure without Confinement at Home.* —— *And a* Private *Cure that no body may know any thing of the Matter.*

Theſe are the Articles which not only Gentlemen want; but alſo which great numbers have ſatisfactorily found ſince this Book has been Publiſhed. It being ſo Compleat *an* Account *of this* Diſeaſe *and* Broken Conſtitutions *as to be worth any ones* Reading, *who either ever were: Are now: Or probably may be in any ſuch unhappy* Circumſtances *whatſoever: And wiſh their own & Poſterities* Welfare. *And throughout which the moſt Modeſt Claſs of Mankind ſhall not be ſhocked: Nor the Chaſteſt Mind even Sullied or Offended.*

Doctor Chamberlen's *Approbation.*

I *Paul Chamberlen Dr* in *Phyſick* do hereby teſtifie to all Perſons whom this may concern, that I Approve of, Adviſe, and Recommend the uſe of the hereafter mentioned Remedies as the Beſt that in my opinion have been publiſhed.

1*ſt*. For the *Secret Diſeaſe* and *Broken Conſtitutions*: The *Specifick Remedy* and *Elixir* belonging to *The Practical Scheme.*

2*dly*. For the Eaſy Breeding and Cutting of Children's *Teeth*, &c. *The* Soverain *Necklace* belonging to the *Eſſay* writ upon it

My Opinion therefore, and Advice is, that Perſons can uſe no Better, Remedies then theſe, Becauſe I know (from my Experience of them) This *Specifick Remedy* and *Elixir*, to be moſt excellent things to Root out, and Carry off any *Venereal* Infection, and conſequently to perform a Cure of the *Secret Diſeaſe*, and a *Broken Conſtitution*, with *Eaſe, Safety*, and *Privacy*.

I am alſo convinced that the abovementioned *Necklace* is a moſt excellent Remedy to be *Worn* about Childrens Necks to Strengthen & Open the *Alveoli* or *Sockets* of their Gums, and thereby to make them Eaſily Breed, and Cut their *Teeth*, by a very particular property it is endowed with for this End.

And to ſatisfie the World that this is my Sentiment, Opinion, & Advice; I do here own that I my ſelf have not only now for a long Time in my *Practice* made uſe of theſe very ſame Remedies, but alſo continue ſtill ſo to do; & that always with ſo much the greater pleaſure & Satisfaction of mind, becauſe I experience them to be *Safe, Certain*, & *Effectual*, anſwering the Ends for which they are propoſed. As Witneſs my Hand this 13th of Sept. 1716. *Paul Chamberlen.* M.D.

CHAP. I. *Of the true Cauſe and Nature of the Secret Diſeaſe.*

ACcording to the Principles of the New *Philoſophy*, whoſe follower I own my ſelf to be (For having gone thro an *Ariſtotelian* courſe in the *Univerſity* before I began the Study of *Phyſick*, I found my ſelf ſo little Wiſer in the knowledge of *Nature*, and *Occult* Qualities: that 'till I had Recourſe to a more ſatisfactory Syſtem *I continually reaſon'd in the Dark.*)

According I say to these Principles: The most *General Opinion* of *Authors* who have *Writ* on this *Subject* is; That a promiscuous Mixture of different Company with one & the same *Woman*, from the Heat of the Parts wherein it is lodged, and the different Activity of Spirits, and Volatil Salts with which different Men abound, does so Rarifie & Ferment as to become by a Change of *Figure*, *Texture*, and *Cohesion* of its Parts, (from their being BROKEN & *Shattered* in *Fermentation*) a CORRUPT *Body* or *Matter*, & by consequence a most violent ACID. And as all ACIDS and CORRUPT Bodies are always more or less Such, as their *Corruption* and *Change* is from more or less perfect things, [for always *Corruptio Optimi, pessima*] 'tis no wonder that the very worst of all *Distempers*, should proceed from the *Corruption* of a *Matter* so Refined and Perfect as This does. Hence comes the *Latin* word *Corrumpo, quasi* a *Con* & *Rumpo*, from this *Breaking* of the *Figure*, *Texture*, & *Shape* of the *Globular* Smooth constituent *Parts*, or *Particles* of Sound *Bodies*, into *Sharp*, *Pointed*, *Rough*, & *Ragged ones*: In which *Broken* & *Ragged Figure* and *Shape* of *Parts* all *Corruptions* and *Putrefactions* consist.

Now this *Acid Corrupted* Matter being of a *Venomous* Sharp, Fretting, and Corroding Nature by consequence *Infects*, *Frets*, *Corrupts*, *Exulcerates* & *Eats* into whatever part or parts it once only Touches, *Wets* & *Besmears*: And in this consists originally the true Cause and Nature of all *Venereal Infection*. So that when any Person is said to have the *Venereal Disease* upon them: the Meaning is, That they have been in Circumstances where this Corrupted *Matter* has *Wet* and *Besmear'd* some part or other of their Body, and thereby has *Fretted*, *Corrupted*, & *Eat* into it, & so caused those Disorders they complain of.

Oftentimes also too much Overstraining, lifting great Weights, Running, Jumping, Wrestling, *&c.* will cause *Weakness* & *Running*, very much resembling the *Secret Disease*, which if rightly managed in the begining may be easily cured; but if neglected and let run on, it frequently prove a troublesome piece of Work as well to the *Physician* as *Patient*.

Having thus explicated the Nature and Property of all Venereal Venom, 'tis easy now to Account for every Single Step, Stage, and Progress of the Disease. For any *Man* that pretends to Cure a Distemper whose Nature he does not perfectly, as well according to the Principles of *Philosophy* as *Anatomy* understand, that he may rightly know *How* & *When* to oppose *Acids* to *Alcalies*, & *Alcalies* to *Acids* in the *Cure* of Distempers, acts only by Rote, and is not to be depended on.

Chap. II. *Of the* 3 *different Stages & Degrees of the Secret Disease.*

1st Stage. THis Venomous Corrupted *Venereal Matter* just now mentioned *Wetting* & *Besmearing* in the Act the Private Parts not only *Outwardly*: But also insinuating it self *Inwardly* into the passage; by reason that when this Di-

eaſe is contracted, the *Pores* are more then uſually open'd, & the *Air* within the *Urethra* or *Paſſage* is ſo *Rarified*, that the whole Tube (I mean the *Urinary Paſſage*) becomes like a *Syringe* whoſe *Embolus* is drawn up; ſo that no ſooner is that little *Air* which remained in the *Urethra* thrown out, but immediately by the *Suction* of the Tube, or rather indeed by the *Impulſion* of the *Weight* & *Elaſticity* of the *Air*, it Ruſhes in again, *Loaded* with Venereal *Steams* & *Effluvias*, which ſettle themſelves on the *Mucous Glands* (as Dr. *Drake* call 'em) within the Paſſage.

The *Venereal Corrupted Matter* therefore being thus both *Outwardly* & *Inwardly* received, by conſequence it *Frets*, *Corrodes*, *Corrupts*, *Exulcerates* & *Eats* thro into, not only the Pores, *Orifices* and *Miliary Glands* of the *Skin Outwardly*; But alſo the *Mucous Glands* in the paſſage *Inwardly*: and There, by it's *Virulent Acidity*, *Corrupts*, and *Coagulates* the *Inherent* and *Proximate Juices* in the *Parts*: and ſo cauſes a *Tenderneſs*, *Heat*, *Redneſs*, *Itching*, & *Inflammation*, *Small Puſtules*, *Wheals*, *Bliſters*, & little *Ulcers* both without and alſo within the paſſage (the true *Seat* of what is commonly [tho' very improperly] called a *Gonorrhæa*) Juſt as *Spaniſh Flies* raiſe *Wheals* and *Bliſters* whereever they Touch, and lie but ſome little time: Or as *Aqua Fortis* Eats thro, *Corrodes*, & *Excoriates* any thing it once Touches. Hence proceeds

1ſt That putrid Matter which Comes away, & appears in Clammy *Drops* upon Squeeſing the Part: By which you Squeeſe and preſs the *Corruption* contained in thoſe little *Ulcers* & *Bliſters* in the *Urethra*, out at the *Orifice* of the *Paſſage*.

2ly That pain called Heat of *Urine*: Not that the *Urine* is Hotter in it ſelf at that Time then others, but the Paſſage being full of theſe little *Bliſters* and *Ulcers* is Raw and Sore, & by conſequence is Fretted by the Pungitive Figure of the *Acrimonious Salts* of the *Urine*, and ſo Smarts and ſeems, as it were, to Burn and Scald as it goes thro, juſt as any other Raw ſore place Diveſted of it's *Scarf Skin* will do, if you throw *Urine* or *Salt water* upon it. And thus far is the 1ſt *Stage* of the Diſeaſe in which 'tis called a *Liminary Clap* or Outſide Infection, being in reality no more as yet than a meer *Superficial Ulcer*, & *Local Injury*: That is: it remains only and adheres for ſome time at leaſt to the Part firſt infected, and there only ſhews it ſelf: and therefore may with Care be Cured *Moſtly* by Outward applications without much *Purging* or taking of *Phyſick* Inwardly: As the Venom of a *Viper*, & Foam of a *Mad Dog* (Poiſons infinitely more *Active* then all the *Venereal Poiſons* in the World) by timely applications Outwardly, may be Attracted, & Waſhed off, without many Medicines taken Inwardly.

Alſo: This Diſeaſe may be contracted by Lying only in the ſame Bed with an Infected Perſon; or by a *Nurſe*'s Suckling or Kiſſing an Infected Child: Or a Child's Sucking or Kiſſing an Infected Nurſe; from the *Infectious Steams* and *Effluvias* that

communicate themſelves from one to the other. Or by Immodeſt Dalliances from a Conveyance (tho by outward Contact only) of the Infectious Particles thro the Cuticular Pores of any Part whatſoever, which the venomous Matter happens only to Wet and Beſmear: For as ſoon as ever the Infectious Particles are but once entered thro the Pores of any part of the Body whatſoever, they preſently meet with the Fluids & Juices therein contained, and almoſt inſtantly Corrode and Corrupt them. All which can no otherwiſe be done, but according to the manner of Infection juſt now explicated, which is not only entirely Rational, but altogether Conformable to the Principles of Phyſick,& the Anatomy of the Parts.

2d. Stage. THis Venomous Matter creeping ſtill more & more down the Paſſage corrupts the *Liquor* in the *Mucous Glands*, Naturally ſeparated for the *Lubrication* of the *Urethra*: the ſharpneſs of which Corruption Stimulates thoſe *Glands* & their Excretory Ducts, & ſo Excites that Efflux, and Quantity of Matter which comes away, and is commonly called a *Running*. Juſt ſo a little *Vinegar* or *Rennet* being of an *Acrimonious* ſharp *Nature* will *Turn*, *Curdle* & *Corrupt* a whole *Pail* full of *Milk*; And a *Little Leaven* will (according to the Old Proverb) *Corrupt the whole Maſs*. In the ſame manner the Virulency, *Acrimony*, & Sharpneſs of this *Corrupted Venereal Matter* is ſuch; as to Fret, Corrode, Corrupt. & Eat into whatever Part, or Parts it Touches and Runs over.

After this the Venom Creeps, &Inſinuates it ſelf, a little farther, till by Degrees it Seizes on the more Remote Parts, and there Creates *Ulcers*, which at length by reaſon of the Parts having loſt their Springyneſs and Retentive Faculty, gives a large *Supply* to the Virulent Running: & is uſually attended with Swellings in the *Groins* & *Teſticles*, *Shancrous Ulcers*, and a Cording Pain, from the Part's being ſwell'd, &c. And thereby ſeems as if it were Girt hard with a *Cord*, cauſing great pain eſpecially in the *Night* when hot in *Bed*. And this is the *2d Stage* in which it is call'd a *Virulent Clap*.

3d Stage. THe Infection ſtill Increaſing, Eats its way thro into the Capillary ends of the *Lymphatick Veſſels*, & *Lacteal Veins* & throws it ſelf into the *Blood*; 'till the whole *Maſs* is Corrupted; the Juices and Fluids all Vitiated & Infected; & the Body over run with Breakings out, *Blotches*, *Ulcers*, *Boiles*, *Bubo's*, *Swellings*, *Spots*, *Pains*, *&c.* It being the property of all ACIDS (and by conſequence of this *Venereal Acid* in particular, being of no leſs malign quality then any other *Acid* whatſoever) to *Thicken* the *Blood*, *Lymph*, and other *Juices* and *Fluids* of the Body which conſiſt of Alcalious parts, and are deſigned by *Nature* for the Nouriſhment, and Preſervation of the Parts thro which they paſs. This *Thickneſs* cauſes a *Stagnation* in the minute Paſſages, and Glands, and conſequently an *Obſtruction*

and *Hindrance* to their *Fluidity* and *Tenuity*: From whence proceeds their Corruption, & Putrefaction. This is obvious even in *Water*, which as long as it remains *Fluid*, and *Running* in a *Stream*, is ſweet, and pure: But if by *Stopping* up its *Channel*, it is changed from a *Running Rivulet* to a *Standing Pond*, it ſoon corrupts. Hence (to return to our *Subject*) proceeds thoſe Eruptions, and Breakings out, that *Venereal* Patients ſo often complain of: For the pen't up malignant humor will have a *Vent* ſome where or another: and when it can't run and circulate in its uſual torrent, it breaks it's way thro the Pores of the *Skin*. And which Breakings out are always more or leſs ſevere, as the vitiated Blood is more or leſs fill'd with the *Venereal Acid*, and the Body more or leſs abounding with ill, ſharp, foul *Scorbutick Humors*. And this is the 3*d* & laſt *Stage* of the Diſeaſe, in which in plain Engliſh and without mincing the matter, it now changes its old Name of a *Clap* into that of the *POX*. Which 3 *Stages*, are the different Steps, Degrees, and Progreſſes of the Diſtemper from the very firſt ſlighteſt *Running* or *Heat* of *Urine*, to the laſt moſt miſerable condition Imaginable.

From what therefore has been here ſaid it plainly appears, That

In the 1*ſt Degree* or *Stage* of this Diſtemper, Perſons have commonly ſome ſmall *Heat* of *Urine*, with a little Inflammation, *Swelling* and *Redneſs* outwardly of the Parts, eſpecially the Foreskin, with little Owzings and Drippings of Corrupted Matter from the *Urinary Paſſage*, eſpecially upon ſqueeſing it.

In the 2*d Stage*, They have (beſides the juſt now mentioned Symptoms) alſo a Runing of *Yellowiſh* or *Greeniſh Corrupted Matter*, uſually attended with Swellings in the *Groins* & *Teſticles*, little *Bliſters*, *Wheals*, *Puſtules*, & *Shancrous Ulcers* on the part, &c.

In the 3*d* and laſt *Stage*, The Blood is Infected, the Juices & Fluids of the Body are Vitiated and Corrupted, with Breakings out, *Bubo's*, *Blotches*, *Boiles*, *Swellings*, *Spots*, *Pains*, &c.

But beſides theſe 3 *Stages* there is yet another Unhappy *State* much worſe than any of the Former, proceeding from this Diſtemper, of which in the following Chapter.

Chap. III. *Of another moſt unhappy State proceeding from this Diſeaſe, different from any of its 3 Stages and much worſe then any of them.*

BEſides the 3 juſt now mentioned *Stages* of the *Diſeaſe* there is yet another much more unhappy *State* in which the greateſt part of Mankind misfortunately find themſelves: which is; A Broken *Spoiled* & *Ruined Conſtitution* & Habit of Body after former Ill Cures: particularly after *Salivations* & taking of *Mercury*, which ought to have been, (but was not,) well carried off, & therefore lies Lurking in the very Bones of the poor Ruined Patient. So that after a *Salivation* is over, & a Cure *ſeemingly* performed: commonly there remains ſeveral pernicious Symptoms of the Diſeaſe, or elſe ſome fatal Relicks of the *Mercury* (oftentimes the worſe Evil of the two) which afterwards

make a Havock in the Body, & ſooner or later will ſhew themſelves by *Spots, Breakings out, wandring pains Weakneſs & Tremblings in the Joints Wearyneſs & Numbneſs of the Limbs, Giddyneſs in the Head, Thick foul Offenſive Urine, with variety of Threads, Films, Skins & as it were Hairs Flying about in it, with a Greaſy Scum at the Top, & a Thick Matter ſettling at the Bottom of it, with a Sharpneſs, Pain, Heat, or Stoppage in the making it, togather with ſeveral other ſuch Weakneſſes and Diſorders.* Than which, nothing is more common after former Cures, uſing of *Mercury*, ſelf Abuſes, *&c.* as too many unhappy Perſons Daily experience, rendring life entirely uneaſy for want of Health, which is indeed its only Sauce, for as *Martial* ſays *Non eſt Vivere, ſed VALERE Vita*, & commonly ends in the utter Ruin of the poor Patient, who from a Strong, Healthy, Vigorous, Sound, Hail Perſon, oftentimes becomes of an Infirm, Broken, Weak, miſerable Conſtitution.

Now to Remedy theſe Evils the uſual Method is to preſcribe to theſe poor unhappy Perſons (whoſe Miſeries make 'em credulous to almoſt every thing) large Quantities of *Diet-Drinks, Balſamick Pills*, ſtrengthning *Bolus's* & other ſuch like Nauſeous, and tedious Courſes of *Phyſick*. But alaſs! The poor *Patient* has been Tired too much with ſuch loads of *Phyſick* already to take any more: This Method as *Juvenal* ſaies *Plus Aloes quam Mellis habet*, and therefore not being able to ſubmit to it (tho nevertheleſs oftener Ineffectual then otherwiſe) ſacrifices his Health to compliment his Palate, and ſo becomes utterly ruined and miſerable purely becauſe he cannot take *Phyſick* (looking upon the Remedy to be worſe than the Diſeaſe) or at leaſt for want of a more compendious Method then is uſually practiſed: For as *Seneca* ſays, *Ubi Turpis eſt Medicina Sanari piget*. Nothing being more true then the old ſaying *Qui medice vivit, miſere vivit*, Thoſe who live under courſes of *Phyſick* live miſerably.

Add to this alſo: That DIET-DRINKS (like moſt *Mineral Waters*) are but a FOUL ſort of Phyſick at Beſt, leaving behind them in the *Body* as much of their own *Filth*, as they carry off of the *Diſeaſe's*: inſomuch that unleſs Perſons under *Courſes* of *Diet-Drinks* take alſo from time to time certain proper Purges, to cleanſe & carry off their ill effects, they oftentimes in the end prove of very little *Service*. What therefore with the long *Continuance* which ſhould be of theſe *Drinks*; & the quantities of *Purging Phyſick* that muſt alſo be taken at certain times along with them; *Perſons* who take them, ought to put on a very good and ſtrong *Reſolution* to ENTAIL upon themſelves a *long* and *fatiguing Method of Cure, viz.* not by One, 2, 3 nor 4 Draughts, or even *Quarts* of theſe *Drinks*, but by the continuance of them for a long time: and this in reality is the reaſon why ſo very few are ever cured by *Diet-Drinks*: Becauſe Perſons being weary of them, before they have taken near enough to Cure them, fall off their uſe. From all which we may conclude that the

uſe of *Diet Drinks* may not improperly be compared to the *Waſhing* of a *Room* with *Dirty Water*, which by its *Liquidity* and *Moiſtening* faculty takes off indeed the Surface of the *Dirt*, but withal leaves ſo much *Soil* behind it, that unleſs you Waſh the *Room* over again with other *Water*, you had almoſt as good have let it alone. *I leave my Reader to make the Application.* See more on this Subject hereafter in the 9th Chapter.

If therefore no other means would do: theſe tedious courſes of *Phyſick* muſt be undergone: But other more effectual Remedies are now found out: and therefore for this unhappy *State* I ſhall in the *9th Chap.* propoſe a more Eaſy & Compendious Method of Cure, by an Extraordinary *Elixir*, prepared for this end, and which thoſe that will but be pleaſed to Try, will find in a very particular manner to carry off the Ill effects of *Salivations* and *Mercury* after former Cures, and thereby ſupply in a more eminent Degree the ſtead of *Diet-Drinks* and other ſuch courſes of *Phyſick*. So that Perſons by the uſe of it have in a little time been Reſtored to their former Health, Strength, & Vigour of Conſtitution, & therefore have had reaſon to bleſs the happy Moment that ever this little Book fell into their Hands, whereas if they had neglected it, perhaps they might never have had the like favourble *Moment* again to recover their Healths in, for as Mr *Dryden* ſays *The Lucky have whole Days in which to Chooſe: Th' Unlucky have but* Moments, *thoſe they looſe.*

But (to return to our former ſubject: For of this Unhappy *State* & its Cure, I ſhall ſpeak more in the *9th Ch.*) becauſe ſome are ſo very Ignorant, or rather unacquainted with the Diſtemper, that from what has been hitherto ſaid, they may not ſufficiently know what ails them, not obſerving the Approaches of it ſo Nicely as I have here done; thro Inadvertency complaining of Latter Symptoms, without taking notice of any Former: & indeed Conſtitutions being different, they do differently appear: I'll therefore ſet down ſome more obvious Rules, which the moſt Ignorant may underſtand their own Caſes by.

Chap. IV. *Some more particular Signs to know This Diſeaſe by.*

THis *Diſtemper* at its firſt *appearance* ſhews it ſelf in very different manners, according to the different *Conſtitutions* of Perſons, & different Degrees of Infection received: For example At its firſt Appearance it ſhews it ſelf in ſome, by either a *Heat, Redneſs*, & *Itching* outwardly of the Private Parts: Or a kind of *Burning* or *Itching* at the End of, Or little *Dartings, Twitchings*, & *Shootings* within the Paſſage, as the Venomous Acid Matter has more or leſs Touched, Beſmeared & Entered into it.

Theſe Symptoms are commonly followed by a Swelling & Inflamation of the Parts eſpecially the Foreskin, which ſomtimes thereby becomes Immoveable: with a Cording Pain as above explicated: accompanied oftentimes with a Large opening of the *Orifice* of the *Urethra*, from the *Parts* being Swelled & Inflamed.

In others it begins with only a Heat of *Urine*, (which at firſt is but little, and moſt ſenſible at the *Orifice* of the *Paſſage*, where the Venom firſt fixt it ſelf in the Act;) uſually accompanied with frequent Inclinations to make *Water* by little Driblings of ſharp and *ſeemingly* Hot *Urine*, which ſometimes is Whiteiſh, with little *Strings*, *Threads*, or as it were *Matter* and *Corruption* in it.

In ſome where it is very Mild, it appears at firſt, without any *Heat* or *Scalding* of *Urine*, *Swelling*, *Redneſs*, or *Pain* at all: But only a ſmall Iſſueing out of a Clammy Corrupted Matter of a *Whitiſh*, *Greeniſh*, or *Yellowiſh Colour*, *Dripping & Owzing away*, eſpecially upon ſqueeſing the Part, which is often *Gum'd*, and as it were *Glew'd* up with it, dividing the *Urine* into a Double Stream: and which Drops Stain the *Linnen* more or leſs of a *Yellowiſh* or *Greeniſh Colour*, as they are more or leſs fill'd, replete and impregnated with the Infectious Particles.

In others it appears with a *Running* of *Corrupted Matter* (which is Nature's favour,) without any uneaſineſs or pain at all.

In many Perſons after a little Runing one or both *Teſticles* become Swell'd and Painful; upon which the *Running* commonly ceaſes, becauſe the *Corruption* that ſhould Flow away, falls down thither, & cauſes cold Shiverings, Faintings, Sick Qualms, *&c.* And as theſe grow better, the Running uſually returns again

In other Perſons it begins with a Pain and Rouling in the *Members*, with Swellings in the *Groins*, Pains in the *Limbs*, *&c.*

In ſome again it appears at the beginning with only a ſeeming Inſignificant *Wheal* or *Pimple* on the *Foreskin* or *Glans* like a *Flea Bite*, or *Meazle*, which by degrees *grows* into a *little Ulcer* like thoſe on *Childrens Mouths*; and is what is commonly called a *Shancre*.

Some Perſons in the begining have a Clammy Corrupted Humor continually Gathering & Iſſuing out (not from the *Paſſage*, but) from under the *Foreskin*, which being of a ſharp Corroding Nature Frets the *Part* where it lies, & makes it Sore, and Raw, and full of little *Wheals*, *Bliſters*, *and Shancrous Ulcers*.

In others a Soreneſs & Debility (as if from a Cold & Wearineſs) all over the *Joints & Limbs*, ſucceed to the aforementioned Symptoms, with Dulneſs of the Spirits, Heavyneſs, Melancholy, Heat in the Palms of the Hands, *Soreneſs* in the *Throat*, *&c.*

In others again no other Symptoms appear, then a Watery Humor Tinged with *Blood*, as is uſual in all ſlight Excoriations.

Theſe more or leſs are the uſual Symptoms of the Diſeaſe & *Signs* of Infection in the begining, proportionably both in Men & Women: only with this Difference that they commonly vary in every diſtinct Body: Some happening to ſome Bodies; Others to others inſomuch that it rarely happens that 2 *Perſons Infected* have *Symptoms* alike, but differ, according to the Difference of their Temperaments, & Conſtitutions: greater or leſs Degree of Infection received: height of Malignity & Infection in the Giver: (there being a Difference between *Burning* ones *Finger* with

the ſnuff of a *Candle*, & a Red Hot *Iron*) & Diſtance of Time ſince it was Received. For which reaſon ſome Perſons find no Hurt for ſome *Time* after haying been in *Company*: Others find it immediately: ſo that ſome *Perſons* ſhall have a ſlight *Clap* hanging on them for ſeveral *Months*, without giving much *Uneaſyneſs*; when others ſhall be ſeverely *POXT* in a few *Days*: For the *Degree* of Infection does not Depend ſo much on the *Quantity* of Matter *Imbibed*, as on the *Virulency*, *Corroſiveneſs*, & *Acrimony* of it. But where the Malignity received, and Symptoms that appear, are greater then here Deſcribed, there's no need to inform a Perſon what ails them, if they only Reflect in whoſe Company they have been: Their Caſe is clear enough.

When a Perſon has ſtill ſome wandring Pains like a *Rheumatiſm*: or *Spots*, *Pimples*, & Breakings out like the *Scurvy*, with frequent Uneaſineſſes after former Cures, 'tis an evident Mark that they were not well Cured, & therefore ought yet to take ſomething to carry off, either the fatal Remains of *Mercury*, or the Infection. And in reality a great many Perſons in the World paſs under the Notion of having the *Scurvy*, *Kings-Evil*, *Gout* & *Rheumatiſm*, which, at the bottom, were they but Traced up to their Origin, are all nothing elſe but *Chips of the Old Block*, proceeding from ſome Lurking Remains of this Diſeaſe, which either They themſelves have formerly had, & were not well Cured of: or Tranſmitted to them from their Anceſtors, whoſe *Sins Children are* oftentimes *Viſited with, even to the 3d & 4th Generations*. All which might eaſily have been prevented had the thing been but rightly Managed in the begining; Hence it appears of what Conſequence it is both to ones *ſelf* & *Poſterity* to *Remedy* theſe *Evils* in *Time*. Nor does even the Celebrated reputed Virtue of SOME Anceſtors put any Obſtacle at all to this Doctrine, this being ſo much the *Weak ſide* of almoſt the whole World (*Maxima pars hominum morbo jactatur eodem*, ſays *Horace*) that as *Tertulian* obſerves even thoſe whom the ſtrength of Torments could not Conquer, have nevertheleſs become Victims to Weakneſs: And do we not daily ſee that even your *Apparent*, *Starched*, *Demure Canting* Saints in all other reſpects, will nevertheleſs in Private Hug this Darling Sin, & ſecretly have a Miſs in a Corner: and as *Hudibras* ſays

Damn thoſe Sins they have no mind to:
But Compound with thoſe they are inclin'd to.

When therefore any Perſon upon comparing their Caſe with this little Book, ſhall find themſelves in any of the Conditions here Deſcribed, they ought preſently to have recourſe to ſome Remedy: and Harbour no doubt of their Caſe, as too many to their own Ruin too Long do: who thro an unwillingneſs to be in ſuch a pickle, (deſirous as moſt are to put off the Evil Day) will hardly be perſwaded that their Caſe is what it is: or at leaſt fancy that it will wear off of it ſelf, without taking any Thing for it. To which vain perſwaſion

are owing those frequent flat and Levell'd *Noses*, devoured *Palates*, *Pocky Hoarsnesses*, *Consumptions*, *Kings Evils*, *&c.* which abound in the World, and which might all have been Remedied in the beginning, had but the thing been taken in time. For always observe, that this Distemper has this property peculiar to it above all others; that the longer it is let alone unregarded, the deeper it *Rivets* it self, *&* the worse it *Grows*: Each Days Neglect giving the Malignity Opportunity of exerting & spreading it self, 'till the Disease from only a particular & *Local Injury becomes Universal*, & infects the whole *Mass* of *Blood*. For the property of this Disease is such, being of a very Active Nature, that when it lies *Hid*, it lies not Idle, but will appear sooner or later when Persons least expect it: for which reason it is not at all safe to Neglect the least Apprehensions of it, by Vainly thinking it will go off of it self, which is all a meer Delusion, and the Ruin of many a One, who had they but taken it in the begining, might have been Cured perhaps in a Day or 2, but by Neglect *&* delay, have been forced to *Salivations*, and other such Tedious, Painful, and oftentimes Pernicious Methods of Cure, and perhaps became *Noseless* into the bargain at last.

Chap. V. *Of the true Method of Curing this Disease in* General.

THis Disease consisting in a Venomous Corrosive ACID Ferment, that Corrodes Frets, and Eats into whatever Part it once touches: The only true method of Cure in General must consist in such Searching, Attractive, Alcalious *&* Healing Medicines, so loaded with *Volatil*, *Sulphureous*, *Oleagenous*, *Globular*, and *Smooth* Particles, as are capable, *1st* to find out *&* Unite themselves with: Then, to dull, *Sheath*, and Obtund the Sharp and Ragged points of this *Acid* corrosive Ferment: Next to throw it out of the *Body*. And lastly to heal up and strengthen the weakned and Injured Parts: It being a Maxim in *Physick*, as well as *Morals*, That all *Contraries* must be Cured by their *Contraries*. And none but Medicines endow'd with these Qualities can ever perform a *Solid* Cure of this Distemper. This therefore is the method every Skilful *Physician* ought to take, in the cure of it, as I don't doubt but Dr *Hamilton*, *Sloane*, *Garth*, *Shadwell*, *Blackmore*, *Mead*, *Cockburn*, & other *Great* Professors of the ART will allow, if ever this Little *Book* comes into their Hands: & of whose perusal I shall not at all be ashamed. *Ars enim nullos habet Inimicos præter Ignorantes.*

Now whether there is any *One* Medicine so *Specifick* for this Distemper as to contain all these Qualities: altho' I am as little Fond as perhaps any *Man* of Attributing either *Infallibilities* or abundance of Virtues to Medicines, being a Method too Threadbare to espouse: Yet I must own that there is many a ONE Medicine, which if but rightly managed, will do Wonders: as indeed the *Specifick Remedy* I shall hereafter speak of, has, and will do.

I am also sensible that there is no Medicine so *Specifick*, nor

Method ſo peculiar, that will be equally ſucceſsful in all Perſons. Some will admit of a Cure This way: Another That. A Medicine therefore let it be never ſo Specifick muſt be managed according to the Condition of the Perſon. One ſhall be cured of a *Gonorrhæa* by a Medicine in a few Days; when Another not ſeemingly ſo much infected ſhall take up a much longer time: Such a Diverſity there is in the Nature and Degrees of the Diſeaſe, as well as in the Conſtitution and Temperament of the Perſon. For which reaſon altho' the Specifick Remedy is ſo excellent a thing for the *Secret Diſeaſe*, yet I do not pretend that it will ſucceed alike in all the *Stages* nor in all *Conſtitutions*, without Management & Aſſiſtance. No, No: It muſt be Managed & Aſſiſted: And as the *Stages* or *Conſtitutions* differ, ſo alſo muſt the Uſe & Application of it differ, as I ſhall ſhew. For as Mr. *Boyle* ſays: He that has a Remedy for any Diſtemper, & knows not how to vary it by *Adding*, *Diminiſhing*, *Omitting*, *&c.* will oftentimes find himſelf at a loſs.

Some Diſtempers as *Fevers*, *Small Pox*, *&c.* require the Attendance of a *Phyſician*, that *Future* preſcriptions may be *regulated* by *Preſent* Obſervations, & thoſe new changes ſuch Diſtempers will produce: *Other Diſtempers*, (of which this is one,) do not require ſuch Attendance, but may as well be cured in the Abſence, as with the preſence of the *Phyſician*. If therefore perſons are but furniſhed with One or more good, ſafe, effectual Medicines & Directions for their uſe, they cannot err in the *Application*, but may cure themſelves *Privately*, & no body know any thing of the matter. The reaſon is; The cure of this Diſtemper conſiſting in the *Government* of ones ſelf, as to *Eating*, *Drinking*, *Exerciſe &c.* joyned with the uſe of ſome One or more Good Medicines, Any perſon may do all this of themſelves, as well as if they had ſeveral *Phyſicians* by, if they do but SERIOUSLY ſet about it: For as *Seneca* ſaies, *Pars Sanitatis VELLE Sanari fuit.*

CHAP. VI. *Of the true Method of Cureing this Diſeaſe in* Particular, *Viz. in every one of the* 3 *above mentioned Stages.*

THE *Cure of the Firſt Stage*. This Stage being MOSTLY an *outward Injury* may be cured MOSTLY by outward *Applications*, as other *common Sores* are, provided there are but found External Remedies ſo directly oppoſite to the *Venereal Venom*, as to have 1ſt. ſuch *Globular ſmooth*, & mollyfying particles as may *Blunt*, *Sheath*, *Obtund* and *Subdue* the *Rough Ragged Points* of the *Venereal Miaſmatas*. 2*dly* ſuch Searchings & Abſterſive ones, as may diſlodge & waſh 'em off from the Infected part, before they have taken too Deep a *Root*: *And laſtly* ſuch *Balſamick* & *Healing ones*, as may put an end to the Soreneſs, Heat of *Urine*, *Inflammation & Pain*. All which may (*in a great meaſure*) be performed by a certain Abſterſive, Cleanſing & Healing *WATER*, which in the *Directions* Sealed up with the Remedy, I have Taught perſons to make Themſelves without any Charge, and which

they are to Wash themselves Outwardly with to search out, & Wash off the *Venereal Steams*, before they take too deep a *Root*.

But Altho it may by chance happen perhaps once or Twice in a 100 Times (which *Swallow* will not make any *Summer*) that persons slightly Infected, may by the *timely* use of Outward means be freed from all Injury; Yet I think, Generally speaking, 'tis not safe to rely *too* much on this Method: *My* reason is, *That* altho the *Infection* be as yet but slightly received; nevertheless the *Blood* Circulating thro those parts where it lies, easier then we Imagin takes along with it some of it's minutest particles, being of so subtle a Nature, as to insinuate themselves into the Juices of the *Body* sooner then we are aware of. So that as it is not safe to depend *altogather* on Outward applications to cure the *Venom* of a *Viper*, or Bite of a *Mad Dog* (tho only outward injuries) without for more surety taking some Antidote inwardly to carry off whatever of the *Poyson* may have stole into the Blood: So I would advise all Persons, altho their condition may be to their own thinking never so slight, besides the use of any *Lotion*, to take a little at least of something Inwardly, to carry off whatever *subtle Venomous Effluvias* may escape the reach of the *Water*. The less will do: 'Twill break no *Bones*, and can do no harm, but will confirm the cure, by driving out whatever *Snake may lurk in the Grass*. And here I recommend my *Specifick Remedy*: But not near so much of it, as in the *2d Stage*.

For which reason I doubt not but this Method of cure will be extreamly welcome to a great many, who, are either so Averse from, or have been so Fatigued, and Nauseated with taking *Physick*, that were but a more compendious method once proposed then is usually practised, wou'd Embrace a Cure in the begining, who otherwise lets their Distemper run on, and become Miserable, purely because they cannot take *Physick*. And indeed what a pity 'tis, that Persons shou'd be put upon such Nauseous Loads and Courses of *Physick* as they usually are (a Method too Rough to have any other Effects then Breaking a sound Constitution, or making a Bad one Worse) to get Cured of only the *1st Stage* of this Disease, which might be cured otherwise, by a much more Easy, Agreable, & Compendious method, (if persons did but rightly understand what they undertake) by a particular *Specifick Medicine*, A little of which will do more good in the Cure of this Distemper, then those Quanties of *Mercurius Dulcis*, or *Turpentine* (the common Hackney *Medicines* for this Disease:) to say nothing of or those dangerous *Astringents*, *& Churlish Precipitates* so frequently made use of by unskilfull Practitioners, *&* which, unless the poor Patient's *Clap* prove a very *Good Natur'd One indeed*, will Precipitate him into a Miserable Condition. Which Inconveniences are happily prevented by the method here proposed.

But methinks you'll Naturally ask me, if all this be true, To

whom therefore muſt Perſons apply themſelves? ſince according to this Doctrine, 'tis ſo hard to light into Good Hands, & upon good *Medicines*. Muſt all periſh who dont take this *Specifick Remedy*? Are there no more ways to a *Wood* then One? Nor no more ways to kill a poor *Dog*, then to down-right *Hang him*?

To this I anſwer: Apply your ſelf to one, who you have reaſon to think, has made this *Diſtemper* his particular Study: it being poſſible that a perſon may be otherwiſe a very good *Phyſician* or *Surgeon*; and yet when the Queſtion comes to be about this Diſtemper, may know but little of the matter: as a Perſon may be a very great *Phyſician*, and yet not know either how to *Bleed*, *Couch a Cataract*, or Draw a *Tooth*: all which nevertheleſs are Branches of *Phyſick*. So that 'tis not enough to live at the Sign of the *Surgeons Arms*, or have Ones Name over Ones *Door* as *Surgeon* to be able to Cure this Diſtemper, unleſs a perſon have alſo Learning and Experience to go along with it.

The Cure of the 2d Stage. This Stage being too *Stubborn* for the Influence of the foregoing Method, the Perſon muſt (there is nothing to be ſaid) ſubmit to take a little more of ſomething *Inwardly* by reaſon of the Progreſs the Diſeaſe has made. *For* whoever pretends to Cure this Stage, muſt do it by one or more Medicines which contain ſuch Particles as are entirely oppoſite to thoſe of the *Venereal Ferment*: *viz.* That have ſuch Oleagenous & Gently Cathartick ones, that will Blunt, Correct, Subdue & throw out of the *Body* the *Venomous Acid Venereal Matter*: And by their Searching & Balſamick ones, cleanſe & heal up the Ulcers, & ſo take away the Running & Cordée; And laſtly by their Strengthning Properties reſtore the Weakned & Injured Parts to their Ancient Tone, Elaſticity & Vigour, after the malignity is well ſuppreſt & carried off. For if the Infection be not well carried off, before the Running is taken away, or any Aſtringents uſed to ſtop it, there will be ſtill *Anguis in Herbâ* & no True Cure; But as Dr *Sydenham* ſays, the Perſon in having too nimble a Cure of a *Clap*, may be *Poxt*, by having the *Venom* thrown into his Blood: *Ægreſcitque medendo* ſays *Virgil*. So that 'tis hard to ſay, which *Poxes* moſt, *The Doctor or the Diſeaſe*.

But yet for all this, a moderation muſt be uſed as to the *Cleanſing* Part: For unleſs due Regard be alſo had to Healing and Strengthning Qualities in *Anti-Venereal* Remedies, you may ſometimes Purge a Perſon off their Legs, and ruin their Conſtitution without ever Curing them. So that 'tis not Purging with every common Purge will do: No: it muſt be ſome *Specifick Medicine*, fortified with ſuch Ingredients as have a peculiar Antipathy againſt the Diſeaſe. *viz.* Whoſe Innate Property is; *Iſt*. To find out and draw to it ſelf the *Venereal Venom* wherever it Lurks: Then to Unite it ſelf with it: Then to Sheath, Blunt, Dull and ſubdue its ragged Points; Next to throw it out of the Body: And laſtly to *Heal* up & ſtrengthen

the injured & weakned parts. And in such a *Method* as this, and none but such a one as this, Persons will find a satisfactory Cure. As great Numbers have happily experienced, of late Years since this Specifick Remedy has been published.

The Cure of the 3d Stage. This Stage consisting in the *Acid* Ferment's having infected & turn'd the Blood, Serum, Lymph, Juices, & Fluids of the Body, The Remedies to cure it, must be such, as by their *Alcalious* & *Sulphureous*, as well as *Volatil particles* enter immediately into the *Mass* of *Blood* & Juices, & have a prevalence to Dilute them, & stop the Career of this *Acid Ferment*, & by Attenuating the Tough *pocky slime* lodged in the *Veins*, & Volatilizing the Stagnated & coagulated Humors, to restore them to their former Fluidity & Tenuity; & expell the malignant impurity that lurks therein: All which if skilfully undertaken may be performed without *Astringents* or *Salivation*, (which many times prove rather the ruin of poor Persons then their Cure) by the *Specifick Remedy* Assisted by the Method prescribed in the Directions, which will enter immediately into the *Blood*, & strike at once at the Root of the Infection without any more ado, & carry it off. So that this *Specifick Remedy* is to be used in all the 3 *Stages* with this Difference. That---*In the 1st Stage a little of it will do.*---*In the 2d it must be continued some Days.*---*In the 3d it must be taken at certain Intervals to carry off the Venom prepared for Expulsion, by the Method prescribed in the Directions.* So that on this little Remedy depends the cure of any of the 3 *Stages*. For the Nature of it is when taken, to find out, unite & incorporate it self intimately with the *Venereal Poison*, & so carry it off.

CHAP. VII. *Of Specifick Remedies in* General.

WHen *Obscure Aristotelian* Qualities began to lose Ground in the *Schools*, & give way to the New *Philosophy*: the *Phænomenas* of Nature & Qualities for many Ages before, called *Occult*, began to appear in so much a clearer Light, as they were made to appear more consistent with Reason. *Physick* above all received the greatest Advantage from this New System, whose Mechanick Principles set it in a clearer View then ever it was before, by Reconciling Rationally Causes & Effects togather.

A *Specifick Remedy* says Dr *Sydenham*, is that which *Acts Effectively* against some one Distemper rather than another. Now 'tis certain there are such Remedies, by reason of a particular Disposition, Texture, Order & Motion of their parts which render them fitter to Insinuate themselves into, & Encounter with the *Morbifick* matter of one Distemper more then another. Thus the Bark is *reputed* a *Specifick* against *Fevers*: *Scurvy-Grass* the *Scurvy*: *Opium* causes Sleep: *Spanish Flies* violently Affect the *Serum* & *Urine* only, & so of many more. Hence the Ingenious Mr. *Boyle*, has Writ a whole Treatise of the Agreableness of *Specifick Remedies* with the *Mechanical* & Corpuscular *Philosophy*, by reason of a particular *Texture*, *Order*, *Motion*, & Activity of their *Particles*,

more or less agreable to the *Acids* or *Alcalies* of the *Distempers* they are to Encounter with. Thus we see many have happily succeeded in the use of some one *Specifick Remedy*, by which they have done almost Wonders. Dr *Davison* a *Physician* formerly to the *French King* acquired such Reputation by One *Specifick Anti-venereal* Remedy he had, that the *Physicians* of *Paris* gave him 2000 *Pistols* for Discovering it to them. One *Giannatus* a *Surgeon* received 2000 *Crowns* of *Charles* the *IX King* of *France*, for the success of an *Antivenereal Specifick* he Cured the same *King* with. Another, One *Pena* a *Physician* in *Paris* Cured *Hen.* the *III King* of *France* of this Disease with One *Specifick Medicine*, which he had Learn'd of a *Turk*. Sir *Rob. Talbor* in *France*, and Sir *Kenelm Digby* here in *England* cured almost every one by their *Specificks* against *Fevers*, and so of many more. Hence Distempers have their *Specificks*: And certain it is that This Distemper has it's *Specifick* also. See more on this Subject in my other Books.

Chap. VIII. *Of a certain Specifick Remedy which has Cured great Numbers misfortunately labouring under the* Secret Disease.

ALtho this most excellent Remedy here published in the World, had done a great deal of good, yet I was at first unwilling to set too great a Value on it, 'till its efficacy had been yet proved by farther Tryals: fearing that its success in some particulars might be partly an effect of chance: a happy Constitution: slightness of Infection: help of Kind Nature to throw off the Disease: Or some other such Favourable assisting circumstance: But still continuing to give it to great Numbers with success, gave me such an Idea of it, that truely I do think it has not many equals for this Distemper: And this I now speak upon a very large Experience of it.

Having therefore no small value for my new *Discovery*, I began to think how I might Render it more profitable to my self, & useful to others, then a private Practice wou'd do: In order to which I communicated it to 2 of the chief *Physicians* in *London*, as afterwards I did to Dr. *Chamberlen* who all being pleased to Honour it with their Esteem, I was resolved to Publish it, to the end that what a great many had used with success, others if they pleased might Reap Benefit by. And accordingly I Published it in the publick Prints.

The Account therefore I have to give of it is this: That now for several Years it has Cured a great many of both Sexes, from the slightest Infection to very bad cases indeed, by a shorter or longer Continuance of it, even to the Astonishment of the Persons themselves, who before Tryal, wou'd never believe such a mighty Alteration could ever have been wrought in such Deplorable *Kenbral Objects* as they themselves were, by a little innocent thing, (whose Dose is no bigger then a Pea) if they themselves had not Tried it. The great Convenience of this *Remedy* being: That Persons may cure

themſelves with it Privately, and be their own Doctor: It being to be ſo uſed, that neither its Operation, nor the Patients way of Living, will give Suſpicion, or betray 'em to be under ſuch Circumſtances, *Curing* them *with ſuch Eaſe, & Privacy as has given Satisfaction to great Numbers.*

For when this Specifick *Remedy* has been taken, a little of it has made ſuch a Change in Perſons, by taking away the Heat of *Urine*, & eaſing the parts, & a few more Doſes ſo compleated the Cure, that 'twas even Aſtoniſhing to ſee *Them* who but juſt before were ſuch Miſerable *Venereal* Objects, to be as it were on a ſudden ſo Eaſed and Cured: Nay it has been given in ſome *Freſh Infections*, and a very little of it indeed has ſo Rooted out, and carried away the Malignity that they were quite Cured, without Taking any more.

For the Nature of it is, to find out, and expel the *Venereal Contagion*, keeping it from the *Head*, NOSE and other Noble Parts; preventing a *Stagnation*, and cauſing a Separation of the *Venereal Humors* from others. By which means it Diſperſes, and Carries off in their Infancy, thoſe *Swellings* without Breaking them, which otherwiſe would come to a Troubleſome *Head*, & Break, and are call'd *Bubo's*: & which if once Broke, will (unleſs you are very Cunning indeed) betray your Condition. So that this Remedy being taken into the Stomach, ſo carries the Venereal Humors away, that as long as it meets with any ſuch Humors in the Body, the Nature of it is ſuch, as to act upon them. Thus a great many of late Years have been cured by it without Fluxing, or other pernicious Methods of Cure, it being ſuch a Remedy, and Method of Cure propoſed in the Directions ſealed up along with it, for Perſons to Cure themſelves privately with, who do not Care to go themſelves to a Phyſician, as has not many equals in this way of Publication; I mean to be privately bought as this Remedy may be, and carried away in a Perſons Pocket to any (even remote) place, there to Cure themſelves with. The deſign of this manner of publiſhing it, being to furniſh ſuch Perſons, as don't Care to ſee a Phyſician with a Remedy and Directions along with it, which contain a Method and Manner of Managing and Curing themſelves without going to a Dr. For which reaſon the Directions Sealed up with the *Remedy*, contain ſuch Inſtructions for Perſons managing themſelves, as generally ſpeaking will be in moſt Caſes, Stages and Degrees of the Diſeaſe requiſite along with it. So that if I did not publiſh it in the manner I have done for theſe ſeveral Years paſt to the World, a great many Gentlemen and others, & more eſpecially a great many innocently injured Married Perſons would very much blame me for depriving them of the benefit of it, becauſe otherwiſe they could never come by it: (The Secret of

it being known to none but my ſelf, and thoſe whom I have entruſted the *Preparation* of it with.) And ſuch *Perſons* would rather give ſeveral Guineas for it, then be without it.

Beſides: It is entirely innocent: And if it finds but a *Little* Infection, it finds out what *is* at leaſt, & Carries it off. If it finds *No* Infection (as in a ſuſpicion only of Injury) it ſweetens, cleanſes & purifies the *Blood*, carrying out of IT and the *Body*, foul *Scorbutick Humors*, and thereby preſerving Health; So that indeed either this *Specifick Remedy*, or the hereafter mentioned *Elixir* are extraordinary things for *Gentlemen* & others who Drink much, & Live Faſt to keep by them, to take a little of Now & Then from Time to Time, to carry off the Ill Effects of bad *Wines*, & other Liquors, *Surfeits*, *Indigeſtions*, hard *Drinking* & other Diſorders; carrying away at once, what otherwiſe wou'd lay the Foundation of a future Fit of Sickneſs: And therefore will be found to be good Things for Perſons to Take a Little of at any Time, altho they have nothing of the Diſtemper they are here levell'd at; becauſe they can do no one any Harm (*for a Child may take 'em*) & will do ſome good or other, there being ſcarce any Perſon but has ſome Illneſs or other to be carried off, or whoſe Blood wants to be cleanſed & purified.

And 'tis on this Account of Sweetning and Cleanſing a Foul Blood, that this Remedy, has of late Years ſince its Publication, ſo wonderfully Cured alſo the *Kings Evil*, & other ſuch Ailments which owe their Origin in a great Meaſure to the Foulneſs, and Corruption of the Blood.

Since the *Publication* of this Remedy, great *Quantities* of it have been continually called for, & Diſpoſed of, a great deal of which was ſent for by the Greateſt of the *Quality* and *Nobility*, who after once having tried it, ſtill recommended it One to Another with a very great Succeſs: Having ſuch a Character given of it by ſeveral of thoſe *Gentlemen* & others who bought of it, to their Friends & Acquaintance, that for the Time it has been Publiſhed, *viz.* only ſince *March* 1713, it has made its own way in the World, and ſtood its Ground, with ſuch an Unparallel'd ſucceſs, that not many Remedies have done the Like before. To ſay nothing of the many thankful *Advertiſements* and *Certificates*, Publiſhed from Time to Time in the Publick Prints about it by the Perſons themſelves. Witneſs That Publiſhed in the *Poſt Boy* on *Thurſday May* 28. 1713, from a *Gentleman* who owns himſelf to have been in ſeveral *Surgeon*'s Hands 6 *Months*, (his Caſe being very bad indeed) without any Benefit, and at laſt was perfectly Cured by this Remedy, which Kind Providence (to uſe the Expreſſion of the Advertiſement) Led him to Take. And indeed the whole *Letter* would move Compaſſion in any one, to ſee how the poor *Gentleman* was *Abuſed*, and

almoſt *Ruin'd* by *Thoſe* who before had undertaken his Cure.

To this may be added the great Value and Eſteem that the late Dr *Chamberlen* always had for it; Recommending it to his Acquaintance. And indeed the *Lady* hereafter mentioned that by his expreſs Advice ſent preſently for it, & took of it, & was cured by it, Bleſſes now the happy moment that ever Dr. *Chamberlen* happen'd to make her that *lucky viſit*, when he adviſed her to take it: She having been for bove 20 Years before, ſuch a miſerable Spectacle, that ſhe looked upon her ſelf to be quite paſt all Cure, & therefore utterly deſpaired of ever being Cured: But by taking of this Remedy was Cured: Mention of which has been Frequently made in the Publick Prints. 'Tis ſuch *Teſtimonies* of its doing Good as Theſe, that are a continual ſatisfaction to the *Author*, whoſe Aim in the *Publication* of this *Scheme* is to be ſerviceable to many an innocently injured Perſon, who thro *Baſhfulneſs* to Diſcover their Caſe, are often times Utterly Ruined, for want of ſuch an Eaſy Help as is here put into their Hands; by which from a moſt Miſerable Condition many a Perſon has been of late Raiſed to a ſound ſtate of Health. Theſe when all's done, are the Greateſt Commendations that can be given of it. And conſequently like WINE that is known & proved for many Years to be GOOD, (as this *Remedy* has been) it needs no BUSH to invite *People* to the Tryal of it. And indeed if it were but Allowable to publiſh the Names & Places of Abode of ALL thoſe who have been Cured by this *Specifick Remedy*, it would take up more room than is fit for ſuch a Book as this.

But before I take leave of my Reader I'll Explicate my ſelf a little more, in order that no Perſon may *Lay* out a *Guinea*, which they may afterwards Repent of: For I had much rather they would never lay it out at all. Now what I have to ſay more is this: That this *Specifick Remedy* is not *Infallible*, and I deſire no one to buy it as ſuch. For as Mr. *Pope* ſays,

Whoever thinks a FAULTLESS *Peice to ſee,*
Thinks what ne'er was: nor is: nor e're ſhall be.

But that it is ſuch a good Thing for this Diſtemper, as a long Experience, has proved ſo Succeſsful as to Cure great Numbers: And ſuch a one is a Good and Valuable Remedy; Some Perſons have been Cured of *Freſh Injuries* by only a few times Taking it: Others not *ſeemingly* ſo much Infected have taken more of it, without ſo preſent a ſenſible Effect, but yet in the End they were Cured. I can't help the Difference of Tempers & Habits of Body, or *Latent* Degrees of *Malignity*, where the Perſons particular Conſtitution, lurking Malignity, Miſmanagement, or ſome other ſuch hindrance may retard the Cure, no more than a *Surgeon* can make one Perſon's Fleſh as eaſily to Heal as another's: From whence it

proceeds, that one Perſon will be cured of a conſiderable wound, in half the Time that another ſhall of the Scratch only of a Pin. 'Tis enough for me that I know now from a long Experience the Remedy to be ſuch, as has Cured a great many: and therefore I have a *Moral* certainty that it will do the ſame again, and this is the Reaſon I Publiſh it. So that a Medicine Eſtabliſh'd on ſuch Succeſs as this now is, can never have its Reputation Eclips'd by a Failure in any ONE Particular. I deſire therefore No Perſon to lay out their Money raſhly: But only to Act as Prudence and their own Reaſon after Mature Deliberation ſhall Direct them.

Now this Diſtemper carrying with it a certain diſgrace, & reproaching Perſons with their own Frailties: For One that is willing to ſee a Phyſician on this Account; 20 had rather purchaſe a Cure *Privately* & ſee no one, few being willing to addreſs themſelves to Another for a Cure of this Diſtemper, if they can be cured otherwiſe: Nor is it neceſſary to this *Remedy*, with which by the Directions Sealed up with it Perſons may cure themſelves without ſeeing any Body.

For which reaſon, this *Specifick Remedy* is *Sealed up* (with this Seal of the Anodyne NECKLACE for Childrens TEETH,) with Printed Directions for its Uſe, in *Engliſh*, and French for the uſe & benefit of Sea Surgeons, Forreigners, Merchants, & others trading abroad, ſo eaſie, clear, full & plain, that Perſons tho never ſo Remote may Privately Cure themſelves: & is to be had At the Places mentioned above in the Title Page of this Book. Price a *Guinea*, which is Generally enough for a Cure. This being that *Great* Original Specifick Remedy, for the Secret Diſeaſe, which the Late Dr. *Chamberlen* ſo much Applauded and Recommended to all his Patients, and which of late Years has performed ſo many great and wonderful Cures on the moſt deplorable Objects. And always remember that *Dulcius ex ipſo* FONTE *Bibuntur Aquæ*.

'Tis alſo the moſt convenient thing that can be uſed at Sea, & in other Countries not only of Europe, but both in the Eaſt and Weſt-Indies (to which place of late large *Quantities* have been carried) for altho the Climate, or Seaſon be hot, or Cold it will have its Effect, and will keep a long while.

ALſo: The cleanſing Detergent LOTION mentioned and Recommended above in the 6th Chap. of this Scheme, for thoſe Perſons who deſire to have it either Separate by it ſelf from the Specifick Remedy: or MORE of it, then what is along with the Specifick Remedy: It is put up by it ſelf, for preſent Uſe. and Sealed alſo with this Seal, with particular Directons for the uſe of it along with it. Price 5 Shillings, at the Places abovementioned. Tis a moſt excel-

lent and peculiarly adapted Thing to Search out, and Cleanse off any VENEREAL Venom, and Infection from the Parts.

Chap. IX. *Of a certain Diuretick Antivenereal* Elixir *for the unhappy State mentioned above in the* 3*d* Chapter.

I Here propose to the World a Great Medicine, which for restoring a Sound Habit of Body after Salivations, Taking of *Mercury* & former Cures, to clear and cleanse the *Mass* of *Blood* of all Relicks & Remains of *Venereal Infection*, ill effects of *Mercury*, *Salivations*, & bad Medicines, that cause *Spots, Breakings out, Wandring Pains, Weakness & Tremblings in the Joints and Limbs, Dulness and Giddiness in the Head, a Debility & Weakness in the Back and Loins, a foul offensive Urine, with a kind of Matter settling at the bottom of it, with various Figures like Hairs, Threads, or little Skins flying about in it*, & other such Disorders; has not many Equals. All which if not timely prevented cause *Stranguries* & *Ulcers* in the *Parts*, impairs the whole Oeconomy of Nature, *Shatters & Unhinges* the Fabrick of the Body and in time totally *Ruins & Breaks* the Best of *Constitutions*. For the prevention, as well as Cure of which *Misfortunes & Disorders*, there are few better *things* then this Admirable *Diuretick Elixir* which has now for several *Years* with wonderful *Success & Applause* been published in the World: It being so great a purifier of the Body, by freeing it from sharp Humors, that Cause *Breakings out, Itchings, Pains*, & *Uneasinesses*, together with the other just now mentioned *Disorders*; as well from the *Scurvy* as that Unhappy Distemper which is the general BANE & Ruin of the Major & most Flourishing Part of Mankind; I mean the *Venereal Disease*; that Few Medicines can do more. It has nothing of *Mercury* in it, but is so Innocent that a Child may take it, and carries off the Infection by Urine; (& that also very often extreamly foul and offensive, as the Gentleman expresly mentioned in the Letter, which hereafter in this Chapter I shall have occasion to speak of:) The most easy and pleasant way of being Cured that possibly can be wished for, or desired by any one.

Great Numbers of Persons after *Venereal Cures* have experienced its wonderful effects in cleansing and strengthning their *Reins* and *Seminal Vessels*, recovering their lost Tone, and restoring the parts to their former Natural Force, Strength, & Vigour: the Nature of this *Elixir* being to supply the long use of nauseous *Diet Drinks*, and other such courses of Physick, which Persons generally are so averse from. For after Persons are Cured, there commonly remains something to be carried off, either from the Disease, or *Mercury*: the Blood wants to be purified, and the Constitution strengthned: for which end *Turpentine Pills* and *Bolus's*, long *Diet Drinks* and other such courses of *Physick* are usually prescribed: And instead of them this *Elixir*, takes place; by restoring the *Blood* to

that due & agreable Fluidity & Texture of its Parts, which has been empaired by long Courſes of *Phyſick*, & which occaſion thoſe Complaints Perſons ſo Dayly make after Venereal Cures. The reaſon of this I'll explicate by a Familiar Example.

The diffuſed Rays of the Sun coming in at a Window are a long time, even in a hot day, before they will warm ones hand: but if you contract the ſcattered & diſperſed Beams into a Point thro a Glaſs, your hand will preſently be Hot: much in the ſame manner, Diet Drinks in themſelves are ſo very ſlow in effecting the end for which they are propoſed, by reaſon of their being of an *Aqueous* Body, that unleſs Perſons perfectly Rince & Waſh themſelves with them, they prove little better then a meer *Chip in Pottage*, ſo that Perſons had almoſt as good never take them: Whereas this Elixir being of a Volatil, Searching, Cleanſing, & Renovating Nature; and containing in its ſelf the Virtues of moſt *Diet Drinks*, brought here by *Chymiſtry* into a ſmall compaſs, & as it were Contracted and Concenter'd into a Point, ſoon after it is taken, by reaſon of its being of a Volatil Spirituous Body, ſo Searches & enters into the very ſubſtance of the Blood, as to carry all that can be wiſhed for into it to Rectifie it; and therefore by conſequence it Dilutes and Cleanſes it: Sweetens & Purifies it; Renders it Fluid; puts it into a due, Natural & free Circulation; ſeparates from it the *Venereal* Slime, Corruption, & Filth, which by Neglect or Ill managed Cures it has contracted: and thereby corrects the Ill State of it: & brings it away by Urine: And this in all Ages, Sexes, Climates, Seaſons & Conſtitutions: by which means it *Roots* out *that Venereal* & *Mercurial Taint* which too often remains in the *Body* after even a 3*d* Salivation, keeping it from the *Head*, NOSE, and other noble parts, even to Admiration.

How the Virtues of moſt *Diet-Drinks* are here by *Chymiſtry* contracted as it were into a point in this Great Medicine as juſt now has been ſaid, may be made clear in the manner following. *Chymiſtry* being an A R T which draws out by the force of *Fire* the very Eſſence & Life of things, ſeparates by conſequence the Purities of all things from their uſeleſs Dregs and Earthy Subſtance, in order to the preparation of Medicines more grateful to the Palate by abridging their Doſe, and more Healthful to the *Body* by throwing away their Droſs: whereas the Galeniſts proceed quite in a contrary manner, exhibiting to the Patient as well the Impure and Terreſtial parts of Medicines, as the Pure and Spirituous ones.

This will appear clear in an Example of *Jalap Root*, which conſiſts of 2 parts, to wit: a Reſinous part, wherein its Chiefeſt Virtue conſiſts: & an Earthy groſs part which is of little uſe except to Clog and load the *Stomach*. Now the Principal virtue of the *Root* conſiſting in its *Roſin*, it ſeems

unneceſſary that a Perſon ſhould Load, Nauſeate and Clog their *Stomach* with 50 or 60 *Grains* of this *Root* in ſubſtance for the ſake of about 4 or 5 *Grains* of its *Roſin* contained in thoſe 50 or 60 *Grains* of the *Root*; and which 4 or 5 Grains of the *Roſin* will have a better effect then 50 or 60 of the *Root*. 'Tis therefore by the ART of *Chymiſtry* that this Reſinous part is ſeparated and Extracted from the other uſeleſs Groſs Terreſtrial part, which the *Chymiſts* throw away after they have extracted and drawn all the *Roſin* from it, in order to abridge & leſſen the Doſe, by giving to Perſons *only* 4 or 5 Grains inſtead of 50 or 60. And 'tis this Chymical Method that is here made uſe of in the Preparation of this Great *Specifick Elixir*, which is ſo ordered, that a Few Drops only of it, in a little Beer, Ale or Wine ſhall do more good at once taking, then a great deal of *Diet-Drink* will at ſeveral Draughts, reckoning after the rate of Half a pint to each Draught, as is uſually preſcribed to Perſons. According to which computation, Twice only taking of this *Elixir*, *viz.* a Few Drops either Morning and Night, or at any other times of the Day, equals the taking of a great deal of *Diet-Drink*. Now which of theſe two Doſes, to wit: either a few Drops of this *Elixir* to be taken at ONCE: Or ſome Quarts of a *Diet-Drink* to be Drank at 8 Nauſeous Draughts, will be moſt acceptable to perſons whoſe Conditions Determine 'em to take ſomething of this kind, needs neither *Poor Robin* nor *Partridge* to Foretell. I leave my Reader to make the Application. And in reality too much *Phyſick*, weakens & breaks the Conſtitution oftentimes much more then the Diſeaſe: So that always obſerve the beſt Cures are performed by the leaſt Quantities of *Phyſick* if perſons do but rightly underſtand what they undertake.

The uſe of it alſo is ſo very eaſy and gratefull, having a pleaſant Flavour, and the Taſt of it a not diſagreable *Bitter*, that a Perſon may carry this *Elixir* about with them in their Pocket, and take ſome Drops of it in a *Glaſs* of *Wine*, *Ale*, or *Beer*, as well abroad as at home. Gentlemen at the *Coffee-houſe*, *Tavern*, or any other publick Houſe may take the *Bottle* out of their *Pocket* and put a few Drops into their *Ale*, *Wine*, *Beer*, *&c.* by way of *Bitter Stomachick Drops*, & no body ever know for what end they take them: By which means they'l be Cured in a manner before they are aware of it, and this in a manner without taking *Phyſick*, (for theſe Drops working by *Urine*, [commonly Foul & Offenſive] are not properly *Phyſick*) or without ſtaying at Home for *Purging* as you muſt with other *Medicines*, & conſequently 'tis ſo eaſy & even pleaſant a Cure, that no perſon can object againſt it.

So that after taking of this Elixir (and alſo after taking the *Specifick Remedy*, where the Urinary Veſſels & are Fur'd foul)

ſome Perſons will make a great deal of naſty, ſtinking, corrupted Water, ſo loaded with the impure Relicks and Remains of the *Venereal Venom*, &which will be ſo very Foul,& have oftentimes ſuch an offenſive Smell, that Perſons would not have it again in their Bodies for any thing. As the Gentlemen were pleaſed to expreſs in the following Letters begining thus,

SIR, *Dureing the time of my taking your* Specifick Remedy *and* Elixir, *my Water had a* STENCH, &c. Jan. 11. 1718.

SIR, *Your* Elixir *gives me no Stool at all, but works* All *by* Urine, See theſe Letters hereafter. This gives me occaſion to propoſe one Experiment which any one that pleaſes may try.

Take near a Pint of *Urine* made by a Perſon (either actually Infected, or after a former imperfect or ill managed Cure) after taking of this *Elixir*, or of the abovementioned *Specifick Remedy*: Mix it with ſome good thick Broth with ſome bits of Meat in it, and give it to ſome hungry Dog: You will ſoon ſee the ill Effects of this on the Creature, which without doubt proceeds from, and is nothing elſe but that *Venereal Poiſon* and *Venom*, which the Perſon had in their own Body before they took of theſe Remedies, and which by Urine they thus brought away. Then take ſome of this *Elixir* or of the *Specifick Remedy*, and mix any of them with a little of the abovementioned Broth, and give it the Creature: after which if you ſave the Water he Piſſes the ſame reaſon proves it will be Thick, Foul, and Offenſive from the *Venereal Venom* Tranſmitted thus into him from the infected Perſon, as that was which the Perſon made themſelves, and which either actual *Venereal Venom*, or it's Relicks and Remains this laſt Broth the Creature has thus Eaten, has brought away: inſomuch that you will be even amazed at it. After this the Creature will grow well which otherwiſe might have Rotted and Periſhed. This one Experiment alone is enough to convince any Perſon of the ſtupendious Efficacy and Power of theſe Remedies. And altho' this Experiment may ſeem a little ſtrange, and perhaps in *every individual* may not ſucceed, as very few Experiments *always* will, by reaſon of ſome particular Obſtacles and Hindrances they may meet with from ſome certain Conſtitutions: Yet in thoſe it does ſucceed in, it is entirely Rational, and altogether Conformable to the Principles of the Honourable Mr. *Boyle*, who in his Treatiſe of *Natural* and *Philoſophical Experiments*, gives an Account of much more ſurpriſing Communications of *Poiſon* and *Venom*, by Tranſfuſion of *Blood* and *Animal Spirits*, from the Veſſels of one Animal to thoſe of another. Nay in his 5th Eſſay of the Treatiſe juſt now Cited. Chap. 11. He expreſly uſes this very ſame Example, and tells us that he himſelf ſaw a Dog, that had the *Kings-Evil* conveyed thus into

him by Transplantation from a Perſon over-run with Sores and Ulcers who entirely Recovered, whereas the Dog Rotted and Periſhed by it. What therefore has been ſaid in theſe Experiments may be applicable to either the foregoing Specifick Remedy or to this Elixir, with this difference: That the Specifick Remedy is to be taken for all Actual Degrees of the Secret Diſeaſe: And the Elixir for a Broken Spoiled and Ruined Conſtitution, and Habit of Body after Former Cures, Salivations, and taking of Mercury: And in theſe Caſes, theſe Remedies have of late Years performed Wonders.

But to explicate this a little clearer: Put ſome *Filings of Iron, with ſome Sand. Brick-Duſt, Sugar, Pepper, Salt, Flower, Oatmeal, Aſhes*, and if you will 20 more different ſorts of *Powders*, Mix 'em altogether in ſuch a Manner, that it ſhall be Beyond all the ART of *Man* ever to ſeparate them, or to Take any One of the *Powders* clear out from the Reſt. Yet if you Approach but a *Load-ſtone* to the Mixture, it will preſently draw to its ſelf all the Filings of the *Iron* from the other *Powders* without having the leaſt Effect upon them: And wherever the *Load-ſtone* goes, the *Filings* of the *Iron (only)* will Cling cloſe, & go along with it. Which Example ſhews how 'tis poſſible, *ſervata proportione*, for *Antivenereal Remedies* to act only (or at leaſt chiefly) upon *Venereal Humors*, and their *Relicks* and *Remains* after former imperfect or ill Cures, and ſo carry them out of the Body. I leave my Reader to make the Application.

But moreover in Caſe that it finds no Infection, as in a Suſpicion only of Injury or an ill Cure, it then purifies the *Blood*, helps Digeſtion, creates an Appetite, and cleanſes the *Body* of Scorbutick ſharp and foul Humors. So that to a perſon never ſo well in health it will cleanſe & ſweeten the *Blood*, & by conſequence do no Harm, but will do ſome good. *Gentlemen* therefore who Live Faſt, and Drink much, altho they neither HAVE nor ever HAD any thing of the Diſtemper whoſe Relicks and Remains 'tis here deſigned to carry off, can have few things better to carry about with them in their pocket to take of now and then a few Drops in their *Beer, Ale* or *Wine*, to cleanſe and ſtrengthen their Reins and Seminal and Urinary Veſſels, to carry off any Scorbutick or foul ſharp Humor out of their *Blood*, and to keep and preſerve their Healths & Conſtitutions *Lively, Briſk, Vigorous*, & *Strong*, then this Elixir: It being ſo ſuited to Nature's ends & Inclinations, that by the uſe of it thoſe noxious Humors in the *Blood*, and *Body* that are Enemies to her, and make perſons uneaſy will be removed, & a Vigorous ſtate of health and Strength reſtored. Inſomuch that Young People will by the uſe of it, be preſerved *Healthy, Briſk, Vigorous* and *Strong*: And Elderly Perſons, who have been Broke with Faſt Living, or Courſes of *Phyſick*: whoſe *Blood* has been Corrupted by bad *Medicines*, or

the Unskillfull exhibition of Good ones, and whose Constitutions (*in a word*) have been spoiled & worn out by the SINS OF THEIR YOUTH, will be Recovered and Restored by it to their former *Health*, *Strength*, *Livelyness*, & *Vigour*.

And besides: To make still more clearly appear the great *Facility*, *Expedition*, and *Advantage* of a Cure performed by this *Admirable* ELIXIR, above *Cures* by the ancient and *common* way of DIET-DRINKS, I need only propose to my *Reader* the *Method* of *Cure* by Both.——According then to the usual *Method* of both *Ancients* and *Moderns* who lay such very great stress upon *Diet-Drinks*: *Persons* must for the space of at least 30 Days together, *Drink* 5 full *Winchester Pints* every Day & nothing else, (for less then this quantity & continuance of time will scarce effect a true & solid Cure:) Now there is no need of very much *Arithmetick* in my *Reader*, to know that in the whole this amounts to 150 *Winchester Pints*, which make above 37 *Gallons* of these *Diet-Drinks*: If therefore any *Gentlemen* or others are willing to submit to such a long tedious, nauseous, and fatiguing Course, togather with a very *Drying* & almost *Starving Diet*, which they must also necessarily observe all the whole 30 Days, I must own that I believe they will meet with a great deal of benefit and satisfaction from it. But where do we find Persons who have such *Patience*, and *Resolution*? Not many. Now the *Method* of *Cure* proposed by this *Elixir* is by a few Drops instead of large Nauseous repeated Draughts, as already has been fully shewed. From all which we may justly conclude, that the *Method* of *Cure* by *Diet-Drinks*, & this *Elixir*, may be compared to 2 Persons setting out upon a Journey to the SAME Town: One goes 60 *Miles* about, jolting slowly on for several Days togather, in a very uneasy tiresome *Waggon*; The other in an Easy *Flying Post Chaise*, Cuts Cross the Country and arrives safe at the same Town in about an Hour's time, by a shorter way consisting of only 5 or 6 *Miles* lately discovered by *Travellers*. 'Tis true, they both arrive in the end at the SAME INDIVIDUAL TOWN indeed: but as the disparity is between a long tedious Journey round about of 60 *Miles* in an uneasy jolting *Waggon* for several Days: and a short pleasant and even diverting one of only 5 or 6 *Miles* cross the Country in little more then an Hour, and that too in an Easy commodious *Chaise*: So is likewise the *Difference* between Cures performed by *Diet-Drinks*: and this most Admirable *Elixir* here proposed. Let my *Reader* therefore make the application: And *Utrum Horum Mavis Accipe*.

From what therefore has been here said, 'tis easy to judge the great worth and Convenience of this *Elixir*; Since by the unconcerned (*if I may say so*) use of it such Fatiguing courses of *Physick* and *Diet-Drinks* are prevented: such Charges and Expences: such Time and Trouble are saved; But what is still

beyond all, *Health* and *Strength* ſo eaſily, pleaſantly and unexceptionably Secured, Fenced, Reſtored, and Preſerved: All which were it but allowable might be proved by great Numbers of Perſons that have experienced it, who before Tryal would never believe it poſſible for any one Medicine ſo eaſily & even pleaſantly to effect what they Found it to do: Performing Wonders in the abovemention'd Caſes; but more eſpecially in carrying off the ill Effects & Remains of *Mercury*, which cauſe thoſe Diſorders & diſmal Conſequences mentioned above in the 3d Chapter. All which the Learned Mr. *Boyle* in his Eſſay of the Porouſneſs of Bodies, Chap. 7. attributes expreſly to the *Mercury*'s not being well carried off, either after taking of Mercurial *Phyſick*, or a Salivation: Where to confirm it he tells us 1ſt of an Eminent *Phyſician* at *Rome*, who in the Hoſpital of the *Incurabili* there, Diſſecting the Corps of a Perſon that had been Salivated, found in the Cavity of his very Bones real Flowing Quickſilver.—2dly, Of another Perſon who after a Salivation was ſo terribly afflicted with a moſt raging Pain in his Teeth, that he was obliged to have ſeveral Drawn out: And upon a ſtrict ſearch into the Drawn Teeth, there were found little Globular Drops of real Flowing Quickſilver in the cavities of the Roots of them. Theſe paſſages are expreſly related by Mr. *Boyle* in the Book above cited, where any *Perſon* may ſee them more at length.

This *Elixir* is Sealed up (with the foregoing Seal of the Anodyne NECKLACE for Children's TEETH) in fine neat Bottles, with printed Directions in *Engliſh* and *French* for it's uſe, ſo full and plain that Perſons in any *Country*, *Seaſon*, *Climate*, or part of the World (*for it will not grow worſe with keeping*) may Cure themſelves by it, without any ones knowing any thing of the matter. *Price a Guinea. At the Places above.*

Chap. X. *Of the particular Succeſs and Reputation the abovementioned* Specifick Remedy *and* Elixir, *have gained in the World ſince the Year* 1713, *when this* Scheme *was firſt Publiſhed.*

IN the firſt few Editions, as well as Years of Publication, of this Scheme, when the Reputation of IT and the *Specifick Remedy* and *Elixir* recommended herein was in its Infancy, not having received ſo many Teſtimonies of their Succeſs, as of late Years I have done, I was ſomething more large in their Recommendation, then perhaps in the Opinion of ſome of my Readers might be thought to become an Author. Wherefore ſince I have now ſo many *Diſintreſs'd Vouchers*, for their *Succeſs & Effects* from Abroad, I ſhall hereafter ſay the leſs of them my ſelf at Home: & leave OTHER Perſons to ſpeak in their Praiſe. In this Chapter therefore I'll trouble my Reader with the Abſtracts of ſome few Letters, out of a great many which have been left at the Places where theſe Remedies are Sold. As alſo ſeveral

Certificates of Authentick Cures which have been frequently Advertiſed in the Publick Prints.——I deſire my Reader to excuſe my not mentioning Names to *Some* of the Letters, where I have no Leave ſo to do: Becauſe as the Diſeaſe is; ſo alſo the Diſeaſed very often deſires to be kept SECRET. If any Perſon doubts of the Veracity of theſe Letters, I cannot help that, 'tis not in my power to give Credulity to any one, all I can ſay is, that I aſſure my Reader They are True, (allowing only in ſome of them here and there, where the Matter is abruptly Broke off, an Addition or Change of ſome certain Conjuctive Particles and other ſuch Words, for the ſake of better Sence and Coherence) I can ſay no more, & the Originals of them, and many others of the ſame Import and Tenor, are depoſited with the Gentlewoman Up one pair of Stairs at the Anodyne NECKLACE for Childrens TEETH, without *Temple-Bar*, where any one may be fully ſatisfied of the truth of what is here aſſerted. And I believe they have as many reaſonable Motives of Credibility on their ſide as any Accounts of Cures ever Publiſhed in this manner.

I'LL firſt begin with a Letter from a very ſubſtantial & Eminent Houſekeeper in *London*, who is pleaſed to own publickly his Name, & place of Abode, in his Advertiſement,

SIR, Oct. 1. 1717.

I *Have been extreme ill for a Year paſt, during which time I apply'd my ſelf to Phyſicians Noted for their Skill in the Diſtemper from whom* I *receiv'd a great many* Medicines, *and moſt nicely followed all their Directions, but to no purpoſe, my Diſtemper ſtill increaſing. At laſt I bought your Remedy, and was by it in a very ſmall time, beyond my own expectation Cured with all the eaſe, ſecrecy and expedition you promiſe in your Scheme. I will let the World know this, by putting an* Advertiſement *of it in the publick Prints, and am willing to give Attendance my ſelf, and inform thoſe of the Truth of it, who ſhall enquire: And whom I am perſuaded the Account I have to give will ſatisfie. I am willing to take this trouble upon me in Gratitude for my Deliverance. Who am,*

Sir, your humble Servant, *Wm. Smith.*

From my Houſe Brace's Coffee-houſe, in Silver-ſtreet, near Wood-ſtreet.

This Gentleman ſoon after publiſhed the following Advertiſement in the *Poſt-Man.*

HAving been extreme ill with wandring Pains, and a broken Conſtitution, &c. ſo very bad, and was ſo weak and worn away, that all my Friends were of Opinion that I was in a Conſumption. I applied my ſelf to ſeveral Phyſicians, but to no *Effect*, till I bought that famous Specifick Elixir for Broken Conſtitutions mentioned in the Practical Scheme, which has perfectly Cured me, ſo that I am as well as ever I was in my Life, and publiſh this, that others labouring under the ſame Misfortune may happily find Relief as I have done; And am ready to ſatisfie any perſon that will call upon me at my Houſe, Brace's Coffee-houſe in Silver-ſtreet near Wood-ſtreet. *Nov.* 20. 1717. *Wm. Smith.*

SIR, Feb. 13. 1718.

I *Recommended ſome time ſince, your* Specifick Remedy *and* Elixir, *to a perſon in a very ſad condition, with Knots, Sores, ... and he is much better being free from the Knots, &c. I don't doubt but this* Cure *will redound more to the credit of your Remedies than any yet publiſhed.* I am, Sir, your humble Servant, *Wm. Smith.*

From my Houſe *Brace's* Coffee-houſe. in *Silver-ſtreet*, near *Wood-ſtreet.*

The following Letters were from an Eminent Surgeon in *London*, and noted for his Practice in *Venereal Caſes.* Whoſe Name I muſt not mention, not

having his leave so to do.

SIR, July 10. 1717.

PArdon me, if I am something diffident of the wonderful Cures related to be performed by your Specifick Remedy, because I am at present a Stranger to it. I am a Surgeon my self, and make no small Figure in Town, having practised with success above 25 Years, and got a sufficient Maintenance thereby, and have not been inferiour to the very best of the Fraternity in the Cure of the Secret Disease. I have now a difficult Case before me, which prompts me to try your Specifick Remedy, that makes so great a Noise in the World: and if it answers my expectation (notwithstanding the Odium I may draw upon my self for it) I will not be ashamed to own that yours is the only Sovereign Remedy in the whole World, and that I am beholden to you for a Cure, which I must confess I could obtain by no other means but Salivation. The Case is of a Gentleman broke out and Ulcerated in a very grievous Condition; about 18 Months ago, he was salivated, and has taken a great deal of Mercurial Physick, &c. I am, Sir, your most humble Servant, &c.

This Gentleman after having tried my Specifick Remedy on this his Patient, and upon the great Success of it left the following Letter for me.

SIR, July 17. 1717.

IShall have Recourse to no other Remedy but your Specifick. To see so small a quantity of Medicine, so gentle in its Operation, and yet of such irresistable force, shock'd my very Faith and Credit, but I admired. . . . I am, &c.

As the Cure proceeded he writ me the following Letter,

SIR, July 27. 1717.

HItherto I have joyfully and successfully proceeded with your inestimable Specifick Remedy. The patient is so relieved that the Inflammation has quite quitted the Tonsils and parts adjacent. The Running is gone, the Ulcer in the mouth looks of a good Colour, and is not very uneasy. I really believe my Patient will find a Cure in a short time by this excellent Remedy, yet I believe the Elixir may be very conducive to the establishment of the Cure, and therefore I design to make use of it, &c.

I am, Sir, the sincerest of your Friends, and humble Servant.

Another some time after from the same Gentleman.

Sir, Aug. 17. 1717.

I Am confident the Elixir in conjunction with your truly noble Specifick Remedy will compleatly finish the Cure of my Patient before the end of the next Week. The prodigious Success I have found in my use of it upon this person certainly poxt, emboldens me to dare greater things. . . . I am, Sir, your very humble Servant.

This same Gentleman after having performed a great many more Cures by this Specifick Remedy in December following writ to me as follows.

Sir, Dec. 14. 1717.

SHould I enumerate to you the particulars of each respective uninterrupted success I have found in the exhibition of your most most excellent Specifick Remedy and Elixir, since I first was so happy as to make use of them in my Practice, I should be tiresome to you; it is sufficient to inform you that I have never as yet found 'em once to fail me even in the most difficult Cases: And in slight Infections with 2 pots of the Specifick Remedy, and a little more, I have cured 5 Persons. And as to the person I formerly mentioned to you, one Bottle of the Elixir confirm'd his Cure, so that he is now in a full State of Health and Vigour, and has Reason to bless the happy Day that ever he took your Remedies. I have now another very odd Case in hand, for which I have bought some more of your Specifick Remedy. I am, Sir, &c.

This Gentleman after the Cure of his former Patients, by this remedy, on Account of another Cure performed also by it, left the following Letter.

Sir, Feb. 15. 1718.

IN a patient I lately had under my Care, I discover'd about 3 Weeks ago abundance of Ulcers in the Throat, Uvula and Epiglottis, spreading themselves under the Pharynx as far as one could see. The Eruptions upon his Face turn'd scaly like those of the Lepra Græcorum (which is the highest Degree of Scabbyness) attended with a circumscribed Redness, and a continual Itching: Besides which there arose also an Exostosis upon the Frontal Bone near the

Squamous Suture attended with Nocturnal pains, and a ſwelling upon the Ancle, &c. Upon this ſurpriſe I thought it moſt adviſeable to ſtick cloſe to your great and noble Secret, your Specifick Remedy; which I did, and in a few Days all thoſe Symptoms vaniſhed, as if it was done by Inchantment, the Scaly Scurf being entirely gone, &c. I am.

The following Letter was from another Sea-Surgeon.

Sir, Nov. 10. 1716.

I Have a Mind to deal with you for ſome of your Remedies, provided you will but allow me handſome profit. I have 3 or 4 times experienced them with very good ſucceſs: If the Allowance be good, it will encourage me to take the greater Quantity. I am, Sir, your unknown humble Servant.

Note.---- This Gentleman took along with him to the *Weſt-Indies* 12 Guineas worth of the Remedies.

About a Week after another Surgeon in Town writ the following Letter.

St. Giles's in the Fields,

SIR, Apr. 11. 1714.

HAving a Patient under Cure for the Secret Diſeaſe, after all means that I knew of tried, his Caſe ſtill puzzles me, being no better, inſomuch that in one Word, I find my ſelf in a Labrinth of Troubles and Difficulties in his Cure; and without the Aſſiſtance of your Specifick Remedy, I doubt I ſhall be much more entangled; ſo that I ſhall be at laſt obliged to get your excellent Specifick, &c. Sir, I am your moſt obliged humble Servant.

Note, This Gentleman encloſed a very handſome Preſent in his Letter, deſiring my Acceptance of it. I anſwered this Letter, and adviſed him by all means to uſe the *Specifick Remedy*: On The ſucceſs of which he was pleaſed to to me as follows:

St. Giles's in the Fields,

SIR, May 10. 1714.

AFter returning you a thouſand Thanks, I ſhall inform you, that I am now going in my 33 Years of Practice, having during that time been converſant with Men of moſt Nations following the ſame Buſineſs as my ſelf: But I declare that all of them together, have not laid ſo eminent an Obligation on me as your ſelf has. Pray, Sir, be pleaſed to accept of this ſmall Token. [Another handſome Preſent incloſed in this Letter alſo] of my Gratitude to you. I am, Sir, your moſt humble Servant.

Note, The favour for which this Gentleman expreſſes ſo much Gratitude, was my adviſing him to give my *Specifick Remedy* to his miſerable Patient, which he owned all his Art could not Cure.

ANother Gentleman a Surgeon in *London*, of no ſmall Figure in his Station, having for ſome time in his Practice made uſe of my Specifick Remedy with extraordinary Succeſs, among the reſt of his Patients he was pleaſed to conſult me about one young Gentleman in particular, in a very deplorable Condition with the Secret Diſeaſe, after a Salivation and ſeveral other methods of Cure ineffectually tried, was at laſt cured by this Remedy: Concerning which Cure, he was pleaſed to write me the following Letter in *Latin*.

12° *Kalendas Sept.* 1717.

Chariſſime Domine.

TUIS uſus Medicinis exiguo cum negotio, magno cum fructu Æger ille 22 circiter annorum, tibi quondam a me commemoratus, inveterata Lue venerea correptus, præter ſpem & Expectationem tamdem mirifice convaluit ----- Prænobile Remedium tuum Specificum omnibus admirabile reddere conabor, &c.

The following Letter was from a Gentleman from *Greenwich* belonging to the Sea.

From the *Balaſt Key* at *Greenwich*. Feb. 23. 1717

SIR,

ON Wedneſday Dec. the 1ſt. paſt, I bought your Specifick Remedy which coſt me a Guinea, (but worth its weight in Gold) I had taken before for the Secret Diſeaſe, (which I had in a very ſad manner) ſundry Medicines, and all to no effect; but by your happy Remedy I was in a little time perfectly cured, and I may ſay I had the happineſs of a good Cure. I have alſo given the due Character of your Remedy, as far as I was able, and experience muſt be allowed to ſpeak trueſt: And ſome of my own unfortunate Fraternity on Board a Ship have become as Fortunate, as to find my recommendations of your Remedy, not only Juſt, but below what it's effects ſpeaks for it. I am, Sir, your moſt humble Servant, &c.

SIR, Mar. 10. 1716.

THis is to let you know that a Friend of mine has made uſe of your

Specifick Remedy *to his* great Satisfaction: *It has* answered its Character. *He had a* severe Clap, *and was* advised *by a* Gentleman *that has made use of your* Specifick Remedy, *to take of the* same: *And accordingly he did about* 7 *or* 8 times, *and it made a perfect* Cure: *And by* computation according to this Cure, *he has* enough *of the* Remedy left to Cure 3 or 4 Persons more, *therefore no* Person *need* grudge giving one Guinea *for it, nay if it were* 2, 'tis well worth it, *considering its* fine Quality. *I am now giving your* Specifick Remedy *to another Gentleman under the same Misfortune, but a* great deal worse, *therefore I believe we must make use of the* Elixir *also, and I don't question but to find a thorough and compleat* Cure. Sir, I bring this Letter my self in Person to be left for you, that I may attest the Truth of what I here write; and as I said before that I am now at work upon another Patient at the same time with your Specifick Remedy. *I am,* Sir, *Your humble Servant.* J. H.

SIR, Apr. 27. 1714.

MY Friend *received the Damage the* 26*th of* Feb. *last, but was not sensible of it till* March *the* 4th, *and made use of your* Specifick Remedy *soon after, and was perfectly cured, and did not take above half the* Remedy. *This is* Truth and nothing but the Truth. Sir, *I am, Your humble Servant.* P. Thompson.

HEre therefore I'll take occasion to acquaint my, Reader that a Great many *Practioners* in *Physick*, but especially *Sea Surgeons*, have of late (after having made several repeated successful Tryals upon their *Patients* HERE IN LONDON) had *Over* & *Over* again great quantities by Wholesale of these *Remedies* at the Anodyne NECKLACE without *Temple-Bar*, to carry with them to Sea, they all now finding it their Interest & indeed cheapest way, to Buy of these *Remedies* to Cure their own Patients with. As the Gentleman (The Sea-Surgeon) was pleased to say, who some time ago by Dr *Chamberlen*'s express advice took over Sea a Large Quantity of them. Also another Gentleman, own'd in his Letter to me hereafter incerted that out of 23 Persons that took of the *Specifick Remedy*, only one missed of his Cure, & that the Person confess'd was by his own Mismanagement. So that of late Years it has been a common practise of several Surgeons, and others to Buy of these *Remedies* to cure their own Patients with. By which they have gained both Money and Reputation.

So that Now seldome or never a Week passes but some Surgeon or other, more especially of those belonging to the Sea Buys of these Remedies, and of the Anodyne NECKLACES for Childrens TEETH by Wholesale, at the Sign of this *Necklace* without *Temple-Bar*, where very large Profit is given.

A Certain Seafaring Person having here in *London* cured himself of a very great Degree of the Secret Disease by this *Specifick Remedy*, conceiv'd so great an esteem for it, that he then took along with him to the *West-Indies* some few Guineas worth of it by way of a Venture and Tryal in those Parts. He afterwads sent a Letter to his Correspondents here in *London*, in which he told him that the said Remedy had had such an unexpected Success there, for the Secret Disease (of which he said it cured all Persons who took of it) that by reason he took but a small quantity with him, it became so valuable and precious, that he could have sold it for above its weight in Gold if he had had more of it. Upon which he writ the following Letter:

SIR, New-York, May 6. 1716

I Return you my humble and hearty Thanks for all your kind Favours, which have been so very Beneficial to

me. I could dispose of some Hundreds in a Year of your Remedies in this Country, and also in Jamaica, whether I am going Mate of a Sloop, and where they will Answer both mine and your Expectation. If you will send me 20 or 30 Pounds worth of your Specifick Remedy, and Consign it to the Captain of the Ship you send it by, I will pay for it on it's arrival directed for---at Mr. Lawrence's at the Royal Oak in New-York. I am, Sir, your very humble Servant, &c.

Accordingly I sent 30 pounds worth of the Remedy (with Directions in *French* and *English*, together with a great number of Schemes) directed to Mr. *Lawrence* as above, on Board the *Antelope Galley* bound for *New York*, Capt. *John King* Commander, and to whom the Remedies were (according to order) *Consign'd*. And this same Sea-Faring Person afterwards coming to *England* took again another great quantity of the same Remedy along with him another Voyage on Board the *New York* Pink, Bound for *Jamaica*, Capt. *William Clark* Commander.

'Tis easy to guess what great Profit and Advantage may be made of these Remedies in the *West-Indies*, since this Person afterwards writ for more of them in the following Letter,

From the half-way Tree in.

SIR, *Jamaica*, Dec. 12. 1717

I Desire you to send me what quantity more you please of your Specifick Remedy and Elixir, and your Money shall be paid on the delivery of the Goods; Pray be pleased to direct them for---at the Half-way Tree in Jamaica where I now am and shall stay on purpose for the arrival of the Remedies. Several Gentlemen here are in great Expectation of them, this being a very good Place for the disposal of them. I am, Sir, your very humble Servant, &c.

Accordingly I Ship'd off a large quantity, directed as above ordered.

The following Letter was writ by a Gentleman, who subscribes himself *Bon-Ami*.

SIR, Aug. 29. 1716.

SEveral of my Country-men Travellers having received Secret Injuries, I have recommended to them your Famous Specifick Remedy; and within these 2 Years past, out of three and twenty who took of it, no more than One missed of his Cure, and he was sensible himself it was his own Fault: 'Tis true, their Cases were all of the 1st and 2d Stages of the Disease. The Surgeons who are in the Neighbourhood, and frequent those Houses where these Foreigners resort, curse your Secret, and my good Will for promoting it. However I think my self obliged to serve my Country-men, and teach them how to save their Money, when with one Guinea they can reach as far as 5 or 6, or even sometimes 10 with these Surgeons: And that your Specifick Remedy may still Triumph, notwithstanding the envious Insinuations of these Surgeons. I have bought of your Remedy, and shall continue to promote the Use of it, as often as it shall lie in my Power. I design to put an Advertisement into the News, to convince your Enemies of the admirable Effect of this your most excellent Antivenereal Specifick. I am, Sir, your most humble Servant.

SIR Wapping, Oct. 6. 1716.

I Sent a Porter for your Anti-venereal Elixir on Saturday Night last, when I first began to take it, and I have continued it as the Printed Directions order, and I find so much good in this small time, that I have great Encouragement of a perfect Cure. I have also sent for your Specifick Remedy, to take along with it, that by them I may be perfectly Cured.---It is now 7 Years since I got this unhappy Distemper: I got cured of it once, but it broke out again. I have made use of the best Physicians about us, and have taken from them Loads of Physick, as Diet-Drinks, Bolus's, Washes, &c. but all to know Purpose. I have found more Good in a few Days by taking this Elixir, than ever I found before; and if it please God to bless the Use of it to me, to make a Perfect Cure, I purpose to

put in such an Advertisement for a Testimony of the Truth of it, as I hope will be for the Good of poor miserable Mankind under the like dismal Circumstances. *Before I took of your* Elixir *I had* 7 deep Holes, &c. *but since I have taken of it I am wonderfully better.* I am, Sir, &c.

SIR, *Wapping, Oct.* 12. 1718.

I Bless God, *I find my self* wonderfully amended *in this* short time *of taking your* Elixir and Specifick Remedy, *and that I have now* a real Belief *of a* perfect Cure. I am, Sir, &c.

This same Gentleman some Days after, sent the following Letter to the Gentlewoman up one pair of Stairs at the Sign of the Anodyne NECKLACE without *Temple-Bar.*

Madam, *Wapping Oct.* 20. 1716.

PRay give *my* humble Service *to the* Author of Practical Scheme, *tho I have never seen him. Yet for the Good I have received by his* Elixir and Specifick Remedy, *I have a very* great Esteem *for him, and pray tell* him *that I* recover sensibly every Day more & more, *insomuch that I have a* great Encouragement *of being* perfectly well, *by the* Blessing of God, *and the* Use *of those* Remedies. I am, Madam, your humble Servant.

About 10 Days after the Date of this Letter, this Gentlemen was pleased out of his mere good Will, to publish the following Advertisment in the Publick Prints.

THis is to certifie to the *World*, that by the Use of the *Specifick Remedy & Elixir*, mentioned in the PRACTICAL SCHEME, I have found such *Good* in a few Days taking of it, that I am obliged in Justice to the *Author* (*tho I have never seen him in my Life*) to publish it to the *World*, that miserable Mankind under the like *Misfortune*, may know how to obtain the same Benefit that I have, which is as follows: I have been in a very sad Condition of a *Broken Constitution*, &c. for 7 Years, insomuch that I had great Pains and Dizziness in my Head, and my Face puffed up, bloated, inflamed, and full of Pustules; my Teeth loose, and Gums swelled, and my Jaw almost immoveable, that I could scarce eat any thing, besides several other Ailments, as Ulcers in several Parts of me. In short, I was in such *Torment*, that I had no Ease Day nor Night, I made use of *Physicians, Apothecaries, & Surgeons*, and I have taken Loads of Physick from them, as Bolus's, Electuaries, and Washes, but all to no purpose; I have truly found more *Good* in taking this *Elixir* along with the *Specifick Remedy*, than I have room to mention in an Advertisement. If therefore any Person desires to be farther satisfied, if they enquire of Mrs. *Middleton*, and Mrs. *Morrey* her Daughter, who are ancient Housekeepers, next to Capt. *Parker*'s near *Wapping New Stairs*, they shall be fully *satisfied* of it. I shall let them know every *Particular* to their full *Satisfaction*. Oct. 30. 1716

The *January* after he left the following Letter.

SIR, Wapping Jan. 4. 1717.

I *Shall ever pray for your Success, for by the use of your* Elixir and Specifick Remedy, *I have received the greatest good and benefit, that can be thought on. I am now recovered from a Distemper, which would have carried me to my Grave by this time: But Blessed be Almighty God for his Mercies in giving a Blessing to your Remedies. I have now no Pains about me, my Ulcers are perfectly well, and little left but the Marks, which are surprising to those who have seen them, which makes the Cure appear more wonderful to them, and indeed so it is to my self. I have not taken of the Remedies now for a long time past, so that I hope they have wrought a perfect Cure, it having cost me a great deal of Money since I came to* London, *before I happily took your Medicines. I shall do your Remedies the Justice they deserve for the benefit of those that are or may be under such unhappy Circumstances as I have been, & therefore I will Publish another Advertisement in the* St. James's Evening Post, *of the Continuance of my Cure, & the great good and benefit I have found by the Use of your Remedies.* I am, &c.

Another Letter from the same Gentleman.

I *Am so much obliged to you for the great benefit in the use of your Medicines, that I do not know how to express it. I designed to have put another Advertisement of my wonderful Cure, but I have not yet had an opportunity to write it to my own* Satisfaction, *but you may depend on it*

that I will ſoon do it, &c. I am Sir, your moſt humble Servant.

I ſuppoſe this Gentleman was out of Town, and thereby hindred his Publiſhing an Advertiſement as he here promiſed, but nevertheleſs ſome Months after, he performed his Promiſe in the St. *James's Evening Poſt*, in the manner following.

THis is to certifie to the World, That altho in *October* laſt I publiſh'd an Advertiſement, giving an Account of the great Benefit I had receiv'd by taking of the Elixir and Specifick Remedy mention'd in the Practical Scheme; yet I again hereby teſtifie to the World, and all ſuch as are, or may be, under the like Misfortune, that I am, by the Uſe of the aboyementiond Remedies, and God's Bleſſing, in perfect Health, and have been ſo ever ſince, & I am fully perſwaded I ſhall never be troubled with it more: Therefore, in Juſtice to the Author, (tho to my Knowledge I have never ſeen him in my Life) and for the good of miſerable Mankind, I having found ſo great a Cure, recommend thoſe Remedies to all ſuch as have Occaſion to make uſe of them, to be the only Remedies in the World for the Ends for which they are publiſh'd: They may well be called the Wonder of Wonders; tho I obſerve in ſome of the News Papers there is a Gentleman has reflected on thoſe Remedies, I ſuppoſe that he may have a greater Intereſt in ſelling his own. However, I that have had the Experience of them to have wrought ſo great a Cure on me, deſire all ſuch as Labour under ſuch Circumſtances not to be impoſed upon; for they may depend upon thoſe Medicines, by the Bleſſing of God, to make a perfect Cure: For their Encouragement I ſhall relate how miſerably I was afflicted; I was in a very ſad Condition of a *Broken Conſtitution*, &c. for 7 Years, inſomuch that I had great Pains and Dizzineſs in my Head, and my Face puft up, bloated, inflam'd and full of Puſtules, my Teeth looſe, and Gums ſwell'd, and my Jaw almoſt immoveable, that I could ſcarce eat any thing; beſides ſeveral other Ailments, as Ulcers in ſeveral Parts of me. In ſhort, I was in ſuch Torment, that I had ſcarce any Reſt Day nor Night. I had made uſe of Phyſicians, Apothecaries, Surgeons, and all to no purpoſe. I hope this will ſatisfie, and aſſure your ſelves what I write is Truth.

Wapping June 3. 1717

The place of Enquiry for the truth of this at Mrs. *Morey's*, &c. the ſame as in his former Adverſiſement.

The following Letters and Advertiſement were from a certain Tradeſman in Town, who received a happy Cure by theſe Remedies.

SIR, London, June 19. 1716.

I *Have been for above* 3 *Years ſorely afflicted with the* Venereal Diſeaſe, *ſo that I have been broke out in ſeveral Parts of my Body, with great weakneſs in my Back. I have had a Running of Yellowiſh Matter, &c. for which I was adviſed to take ſome of* Dr. Salmon's *Pills, but notwithſtanding this, I had a dreadful Itching all over my Body, with Pimples and Swellings in my private Parts. I applied my ſelf to a Surgeon of my Acquaintance, and he put on Plaiſters but to no effect. Then he gave me Purges of Pills and Bolus's to take one Day and miſs another, which render'd me worſe and worſe, ſo that I was juſt like an old Man quite worn away. He told me he could do no more; there being no way left, but I muſt go into a Salivation, which I was unwilling to to do, and did not: So after a conſiderable Charge I left him. After this I met with a News Paper, which directed me to a Book call'd,* The Practical Scheme of the Secret Diſeaſe, *which I got and read. Then I ſent for the* Specifick Remedy and Elixir, *therein mentioned and recommended: Tho not without ſome trouble to get the Money, my Buſineſs being but mean. I have taken of them, & am better in my Body. My employ is my Bread. When I am Well, I will do all the ſervice I can, by Advertiſing it in the Publick News, I am, Sir,* Your moſt obedient humble Servant, *John Saucer.*

SIR, *Oct.* 10. 10. 1716.

THE Specifick Remedy and Elixir *having had ſuch an* Effect upon me, *that I think I never* found my ſelf better in health in my Life. *I have no* Breakings out, *no* Pains in my Back, *nor* Limbs *as I uſed to have, but am now* hail and ſtrong. *I deſign to* Adverti ſe this my Cure in the publick News, for the benefit of others in the like unhappy Condition, &c. I am Sir, your very humble Servant,

John Saucer.

This Person soon after out of his own good will Published the following *Advertisement* in the St. *James's Evening Post*.

THese are to certifie, that I *John Saucer*, having had the Secret Disease for above 3 Years, and applied my self to several Physicians for Cure, and taken several Medicines & Diet-Drinks, to no purpose. At last, by taking of the *Specifick Remedy* mentioned in the PRACTICAL SCHEME, I quickly got rid of my Riveted Obstinate Distemper. The *Reason* why I publish this is, because I think my self Obliged to speak well to the Publick of what has thus happily cured me; for, as for the *Author*, I never saw him in my Life. And if any one will enquire of Mr. *Wm. Soames* next to *Clerkenwell Church* they shall be farther fully satisfied of this my great Cure. *Oct.* 17. 1716.

A few Days after he left the following Letter.

SIR, *Oct.* 20. 1716.

I *Hope the* Advertisement *I have* Published, *will give* content *to all that* reads *it*. *An* acquaintance *of mine by my* perswasion *has taken of your* Specifick Remedy, *and finds* great relief, *&c.* I am Sir, your humble Servant, *John Saucer*.

The following Letter was from a Gentleman who cured himself of the Secret Disease, with about half a Pot of the *Specifick Remedy*: And afterwards unhappily getting again the same Disease, and giving it to his Wife; they both cured themselves with the other remaining half Pot.

SIR, May 11. 1716.

OUT of Gratitude to you, I cannot but let you know the unexpected success I found by your Specifick Remedy; *for about a Year and half ago, I got the* Secret Disease *to a very miserable degree. I went to a very eminent Surgeon, (who out of respect to his Acquaintance with me I shall forbear to Name,) I was under his Hands 3 Months, and then I found my self much worse, tho' I was most regular in Living, and followed his Instructions to a Tittle. He told me nothing would do but a Salivation: But I being in a Publick Business, my Attendance could not be dispensed withal, which drove me almost to Despair, thinking I must die of that loathsome Disease. A Friend of mine told me his Life for mine, your* Specifick Remedy *would Cure me; upon which I was resolved to try it, I bought it, and took of it, and before I had taken half the Remedy I found my self so perfectly well, that I took no more, and never found any Disorder since. But about a Month ago I got another Clap, and unfortunately gave it to my Wife. I did not despair of a Cure, seeing your Remedy was extant. But first I tried whether there was any Virtue in the half Pot I had left: We both of us took of it, and we found our selves quite Cured, and so saved the laying out of another Guinea: And tho' we thus saved our Money, yet we both own our Thanks to the Author; Times are not with me now, as they have been, else I would have thanked you with an Advertisement*, From your very thankful Servant, *&c.*

SIR, Sept. 8. 1717.

I *My ſelf having* happily experienced *the* Effect of *your* Specifick Remedy, *have alſo* recommended *it to ſeveral of our* Ships Crew. *And alſo being* laſt Winter *in* Norway, *I gave ſome of it to a* Daniſh Officer *of my* acquaintance, who before *thought himſelf incureable*, yet notwithſtanding the coldneſs of the Weather and Place, *in* 7 Days time *was cured by it. This I thought fit to acquaint you with*, who am Sir, &c.

SIR, Sept. 8. 1717.

YOUR Elixir *gives me* no Stool at all, *but* works all by Urine; *and to do* Juſtice to your Medicines, *I ſhall ever* value them, *and think my ſelf obliged to* publiſh to the World *the* good Effects *of them.* Your moſt humble Servant.

The following Letter was left for me, ſoon after my Specifick Remedy was firſt publiſhed.

Sir, May 18. 1713.

KInd Providence *led me to take of your* Specifick Remedy, *which* I am thankful for. *The very Day I* firſt diſcovered my Caſe *I went to a* Surgeon *of* Judgment, *in his* Profeſſion, *who* Phyſick'd *me, and then he ſaid* I was well, *and ſince he* ſaid *ſo, I* thought ſo too: *But in a* few Days *after I went to him again, my* Running *being* returned *upon me*, accompanied *with* Soreneſs & Swellings. *He* undertook *me again, and after a* little time, *told me, as he had done before*, that I was well again, *and I* thought *then that* Nature *would* throw off *what was* farther *to be done. He* Blooded *me*, Vomited *me, &* Phyſick'd *me, but all this while he never could* Cure *me, having by* this time *had me in* Hand 6 Months, *for* this poor thing that at firſt was but a Symptom of the Diſeaſe. *Upon this he told me* that he would have me take a certain Surgeons Advice (*which he named to me*) who has the Name of one of the greateſt Surgeons in London. *I* conſented *to it. & gave him a* Fee *for his* Advice only. *When he had* ſeen me, *the* 2 Surgeons conſulted together. *So I was* Vomited *again, & after* that *I was to take every* Night & Morning *a* Spoonful *of* ſomething, *but I* know not what it was. *I went on with this a* pretty while, *and he every* now & then *would* Syringe *me, and* Clap Lint *into my* Sores *After this we* conſulted another New Surgeon *belonging to the* Hoſpital *who ſees* abundance *of* theſe Caſes, *& who* preſcribed *me* Stuff *to take* Night & Morning, *but I found no* benefit *by it. I Run like a* Tap, *& had a very* great Sore. *At laſt I took of your* Specifick Remedy *for about* 10 Days, *by which I was* perfectly freed *from my* Running; *my* Sores *were* well *&* healed up, *& the* Cure perfected. *I did not know of your* Specifick Remedy *before I read of it in the* News Papers: *it is* certainly *a moſt* admirable Thing, *& will make its* own way in the World. *I ſhall* publiſh *it as much as ever I can. What I* write *you here is* Truth. *A* Man *is not* juſt *that does not give a* true Character of it.

I have enough left of the Remedy *for several Days taking.* I am, &c.

Some little time after this same Gentlemen published the following Advertisement.

I Must in Gratitude, let the World know, That having had the Misfortune of a very malignant *Species* of the Secret Disease, after a tedious course of *Physick*, from a certain Pretender, which instead of abating, rather increas'd the Distemper. Kind Fortune led me to your incomparable *Specifick Remedy*, by which in a few Days time, I found a compleat Cure, and (I bless God) so continue; this I must in Justice, say of it, That 'tis one of the best Remedies extant for the purpose, and shall always think my self your obliged, Servant.

I desire my Reader to consider only a little how this Poor Gentleman was harrassed: And then leave him to judge what a Pity 'twas that for only a slight Infection as the Injury at first seem'd to be, he should be so mismanaged.

The 2 following Acknowledgements were left by 2 several Gentlemen. And with the 1st of them the Letter following it.

THis is to certifie that by taking of the *Specifick Elixir* mentioned in the *Practical Scheme*, I have found more Benefit, (having had my Constitution very much broken by means of an ill Distemper received 7 Years ago) then I ever did before by several pounds worth of *Physick* that I took from others, whose Mismanagement still rendred me worse and worse, insomuch, that I could not lift 10 pounds weight from the Ground, but now am as well I think as ever I was in my Life. The Author and Founder of this great Remedy I do not know, but to do him Justice I declare this to the World, and will justify the Truth of it wherever I see it Advertised, having particular Reasons for not Subscribing my Name, but only by the initial Letters of it. *July* 9. 1717. *J. D.*

Sir, July 9. 1717.

AS *for the Pains* I *was* afflicted with *in my* Body, *which* I *am* assured proceeded *from the* Venereal Distemper *which* I contracted 7 Years *ago*, *your* Elixir *has* Cured *me of them*, *& also of a Weakness* I *had in my* Back, *& has* restored *my* Body *to a lively Strength*. I am, *Sir*, your real Friend to Vindicate you, & set forth the worth of your valuable Remedy. *J. D.*

WHilst I daily adore Heaven for the Mercies of your Medicines, your *Specifick Remedy* and *Elixir*, I would also do Honour to your self the Unknown Author of those invaluable Treasures, by a joyful Testimony of their incredible Virtues. But all I CAN be allowed to say is, that Heaven, Merciful Heaven has saved me from the Grave by your Hands: And recovered me from the last and worst Consequences of a *Broken Constitution*, to Strength, Vigour, and a Confirmed Health. This grateful Acknowledgment and Declaration I give free leave, Sir, to be inserted amongst your others, as a just

Oblation: That by a Providential Peruſal of them as I my ſelf Did, others may happily receive the ſame Bleſſing; and may as I now joyfully do, give everlaſting Glory to God & unbounded Thanks to the Unknown Author. *July* 15. 1717. *F. J.*

Sir, May 10. 1714.

ABout 2 Months *ago you had a* Letter *from one Mrs.* Jones, *which* I *wrote for her. She* followed *the* Directions *in taking the Specifick* Remedy, *& is very well* . . . . . I *have* recommended *your* Remedy *to* 2 *or* 3 *more of my* Friends, *who have bought it & taken it with Succeſs* I am, Sir, your humble Servant.

SIR, *March* 12. 1714.

. . . . . *If you* approve of it, *I will* Advertiſe *my* Cure *in the* Poſt-Boy, ... *May the* Bleſſing of Heaven *attend all your* Endeavours, *and* grant *you all the* good Things *of* this *Life, and the* next. I am, Sir, your ever Obedient Servant, *Wm. G. H.*

Near upon a Month after, this Gentleman was pleaſed to put this Advertiſement into the *Poſt-Boy*, after which he wrote me the Letter following it.

WIth Comfort, I can tell the World, that having been afflicted 9 Months with the *Secret Diſeaſe*, 3 eminent *Surgeons*, had me each 3 Months under hand, till I was weary of my Life; but reading an Account of the *Specifick Remedy*, I reſolv'd to try it, tho' it put an end to my Life; for I was almoſt in Deſpair; bleſſed be God, I was made perfectly well by it. This I tell with a grateful Heart, and my beſt Wiſhes I ſhall always attend you. *May* 12. 1714. *Wm. G. H.*

SIR, *Apr.* 16. 1714.

I *Doubt not but you have read my* Advertiſement *in the Poſt-Boy of the* 13*th* Inſtant. *I do* aſſure *you the* whole *is* true, *and a* great deal more *I could ſay* . . . . . Your Obliged Humble Servant, *Wm. G. H.*

In *April*, 1714. *Reading the Poſt-Boy, I found the following Advertiſment from ſome unknown Perſon. And in a few Days after the Gentleman writ the Letter following it.*

WHereas a Gentleman, a Friend of mine, being under the Misfortune of the *Secret Diſeaſe*, did on the 13th of *April*, 1714. then buy a Medicine, call'd the *Specifick Remedy*, after reading a little Treatiſe of the ſame, found ſo great Effect by taking of it, that he was in a few Days perfectly cured to his great Admiration; to the Truth of this, I have hereto ſet my Hand, this 26th Day of *April*, 1714. *W. Rombald.*

SIR, *May*, 2. 1714.

A *Mongſt all your* Patients, *which are very* conſiderable, *there is none that has done you* more Juſtice *than my ſelf in* publiſhing *an* Advertiſement *in the* behalf *of your* Medicine *called* The Specifick Remedy, *which* really deſerves *the* Character it bears, *for its* Worth *and* Goodneſs, *therefore* I *hope* I *have given it ſuch a Publication as may be to the* Welfare *of others, who ſhall*

peruſe *the ſame.* I am, Sir, your humble Servant, *W. Rombald.*

SIR, Nov. 30. 1717.

HAving *the Misfortune to labour under that* diſmal Diſeaſe *called a* Clap, I *likewiſe had the* Happyneſs *to be* informed *of your* Specifick Remedy, *of which I think there cannot be too much ſaid in its Praiſe. For ſoon after* I *began to take of it,* I *found a great* Alteration *in* myſelf *for the* better, *and before I had taken* One pot *of it, the* Cure was compleat, *for which* I *return* Almighty God *and* You Thanks. I *began to ſuſpect my* Caſe *in* 5 *or* 6 days *after the* Injury received, *and on the* 8*th* Day *after, which was the* 9*th* Inſtant, I bought one *of your* Specifick Remedies, *and* took ſome *of it that Night.* I *had a great* Running *with* Soreneſs *and a* Cordee, *but in a few Days* I *was* perfectly cured, I *am reſolved to* publiſh *this for the Good of* Mankind, *that any one under the like* unhappy Circumſtance, *may know where to find an* eaſy and ſpeedy Cure. I am, Sir, your Humble Servant, *K. T.*

This Gentleman ſome little time after publiſhed the following Advertiſement.

HAving labour'd under a diſmal Degree of the *Secret Diſeaſe,* I had the happineſs to read the Character of the *Specifick Remedy,* of which I think there cannot be too much ſaid in its praiſe. For ſoon after I began to take it, I found a great Alteration in my ſelf for the better; and by taking a little more, the Cure was complete; for which I return God & the Author Thanks, This I declare for the Good of Mankind, that *Perſons* under the like Circumſtances may know where to find an eaſy and ſpeedy Cure. *Dec.* 7. 1717

SIR, Wills Coffee-houſe Scotland-yard *Oct.* 18. 1716.

ON *Tueſday laſt was a* Month I *found my ſelf* injured by a Woman. *Several* Gentlemen *who had the* like misfortune recommended *to me your* Specifick Remedy, *who* aſſured me *they had all been* cured *thereby.* I am Sir, &c.

SIR, Graveſend, Sept. 22. 1717.

I *Here* ſend *you by the* Bearer *a* Weſtphalia-Ham, *and deſire* your acceptance of it. *Thoſe to whom* I *have* recommended *your* Specifick Remedy *and* Elixir, *have done* all of them extreamly well, *which has* promoted *very much the* uſe of them: *And* they *are* actually *now become* great Medicines *in* Scotland *to*: A young Man *was in a* very ſad condition, *and like to do* extraordinary well *by the* uſe of them. *And* another Perſon *in a* deplorable condition *for a* great while *who took of your* Specifick Remedy, *is alſo* recovered. *The* two laſt Perſons I recommended *to the Sign of the* Necklace at Temple Bar, *but they went* firſt *to Dr.* Chamberlen *to inform* themſelves, *and he* very much commended your Remedies. I am Sir, &c.

Were I to incert here Copies and Abſtracts of all the Letters which have been left, by Perſons who have found Benefit and Relief by theſe Remedies, I ſhould ſwell this little

Book far beyond my design, therefore I'll trouble my Readers no more at present, but proceed to some other Testimonies of their Success, which from time to time have frequently been published in the publick Prints. So that if such uncontestible Instances of their Success are not sufficient or satisfactory to any, I presume it is to such as have no mind to be satisfied at all. And as none are so blind as those who will not see; so none are more difficult of Belief than those who are resolved not to be convinced.

APPENDIX.

The abovementioned Success of these Remedies, as also of the Anodyne NECKLACE *for Childrens* TEETH, *Recommended by the late Dr.* Chamberlen, *some time since put a certain Person upon Counterfeiting 'em, even under Dr* Chamberlen's *Name. Upon which the Doctor was pleased to give me leave to publish the* TWO *following Advertisements in the Publick Prints.*

WHereas a NECKLACE has been Published, under pretence that it is the *same* with that which is Recommended by me (tho' nothing at all LIKE it.) I hereby declare to the World, that I know nothing of it, nor its Author. I do not deny but that I have for some time, and do still Approve of and Recommend to the World that most admirable NECKLACE for Childrens Teeth, *&c.* As also *The Specifick Remedy* and *Elixir* for Secret Injuries and Broken Constitutions; belonging to the *Practical Scheme*, &c. All which I know, [from my Experience of them] to be most Excellent Things, and worth any one's having in those Circumstances. For which Reason I Recommend to every ones serious Perusal, That most Excellent little *Practical Scheme* and *Essay*, which the Ingenious Author has writ upon them, and gives away Gratis in most *European* Languages. But if any other *Necklace* besides this which is the ONLY one that I Recommend, and is a very valuable Secret. As also, if any other *Specifick Remedy* or *Elixir* for those Distempers, are at any time Published under my Name, it is a manifest Imposition upon me and the Publick. Therefore I hereby Caution all Persons to beware of such Counterfeits

From my House in Great Suffolk-Street.
near the Hay-Market, *Mar.* 22. 1717. *Paul Chamberlen*, M.D.

THE SPECIFICK REMEDY: ELIXIR: And NECKLACE for Childrens TEETH, belonging to The Practical Scheme, &c. I Approve of and Recommend, All others I disown as Spurious and Counterfeits.

From my House in Great Suffolk-Street, Apr. 18. 1717. *Paul Chamberlen*, M. D.

The following Advertisements were Incerted in the Publick Prints, by some unknown Persons, with which when I

read the Papers I was agreeably surprised. I return the Persons my humble thanks for them.

I Hereby testifie, That having been very much out of order with grievous Pains all about me, and a Broken Constitution so very bad, that my Appetite was in a manner quite lost, and was so weak and worn away, that all my Friends were of Opinion that I was in a deep Consumption. I applied my self to several Physicians, but to no effect till I bought that famous Specifick Elixir for Broken Constitutions belonging to the Practical Scheme which has perfectly cured me, so that I am as well as ever I was in my Life. This I publish that others labouring under the same Misfortune may know where happily to find relief as I have done, and of which I am ready to satisfy any Person. Be pleased to enquire for Mr. *John Sedden* at his House the *Bell* in *Dark-House-Lane*, *Billingsgate*. *Mar.* 12. 1718. *April* 20. 1716.

A Young Lady had (*from her Infancy*) the Evil so broke out in great Holes in her Body, that for 26 Years she could never go alone or stir out of her Chamber without help, being indeed a most miserable Object, continually weeping whole Days and Nights scarce having one easy Hour, her Life being a perpetual Torment to her. 50 *Guineas* were offered to Dr. *Brigs* in *Bloomsbury*, if he could Cure her. Dr. *Chamberlen*, Dr. *Mead*, Dr. *West*, and several other eminent Physicians; Mr. *Gifford*, Mr. *Locket*, and several other Skilful Surgeons were all Eye-Witnesses of this her Condition, being given over by all as incurable, and indeed she utterly despaired of ever being cured; at last Dr. *Chamberlen* advised her to take of the Specifick Remedy: She only took a few times of it, by which the Holes and Sores, which for 26 Years had drained her Body to a perfect Skeleton, are now healed up; she is brisk and well, and can go up and down Stairs, and abroad alone, which she never could do in her Life before, and blesses the happy Day that ever Dr. *Chamberlen* advis'd her to it. The Lady her self is willing to see and satisfy any Person about it, at the *Green Door* in *Water-street*, behind *Arundel-street* in the *Strand*.

A Young Gentleman three Years ago, got the Secret Disease in a violent manner, and soon after the Injury received applied himself to a certain eminent and noted Surgeon (for his Practice in veneral Cures) in *London*, who Salivated him, but did not Cure him. After which he took a certain Remedy Sold in Town, which is a COUNTERFEIT of This Specifick Remedy, but as it was a Counterfeit of this true Remedy, it proved to no more purpose then his Salivation, but he grew worse after it, being Ulcerated, and in a very deplorable Condition, insomuch that he was thought by all his Friends past Cure. But in *November* 1717. by taking of this famous Specifick Remedy, he was perfectly cured, as I will fully satisfie any Person, who will be pleased to enquire for Mr. *Peter Riscorla* at my House the Green Ball in Cow-cross near *West-Smithfield*. Where for the good of the Publick, or any that labour under the like Misfortune, the Gentleman will be seen, and give an Account himself of the truth of this.

HAving had the King's-Evil for 30 Years past to such a degree, that the continual Running of the many Sore, and Blotches of the Distemper had drained my Body almost to a Skeleton, insomuch that I was brought so low that for some Years past I have been entirely confined at home. I used all means the Hospital and several Physicians could prescribe, but to no manner of purpose. At last hearing of the many Cures performed by the famous Specifick Remedy belonging to the Practical Scheme, recommended by the late Dr. *Paul Chamberlen*, I went in a Coath to the Sign of the Anodyne Necklace for Childrens TEETH without *Temple-Bar*, to fetch the Remedy not being able to go a foot, having been confined at home for several Years, and having taken now of this Wonderful Remedy, most of my Blotches, Holes, and Sores are finely healed up, and I am so well recovered, that I have gone a Foot thro the City, to the Astonishment of all who knew me. Of the Truth of which, I will satisfie any Person at my House. . . . . *Geo. Wadkins*, Barber and Perewig-maker at the Blue Boar in White-chappel. *Dec.* 17. 1717.

I could reckon up great numbers more of other such undeniable Testimonies of Cures by these Remedies, on Persons even given over by all others: But having trespassed on my Readers patience too long already, I'll make an end, desiring Him to peruse the several News Papers of these 6 years last past wherein he will find great numbers of Authentick *Certificates* of surprising Cures wrought by them. For to recite the particular Cases of every one that has happily experienced the good effects of this *Specifick Remedy* & *Elixir*, only since *March* 1713, that the 1st *Edition* of this Book was published, wou'd swell this little *Treatise* far beyond my present design: Therefore I'll leave every one to the perusal of the *News Papers*, & then to be informed of the Persons themselves as to their Success. All which are as sufficient as even 10000 more wou'd be to convince any Person of the great virtue & efficacy of these Remedies: Persons indeed may go from place to place to seek a Cure, but when they have sought & tried all they can, they will scarce find a Better nor Surer then by these Remedies, as those son *who trys them will to their Comfort find*

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IF any Gentlemen, Traders, Merchants, Captains, or Mates of *Ships*, Sea-Surgeons or others trading Abroad to the *East* or *West Indies*, *Turkey*, *Africa*, The *South Sea*, or elsewhere will take either of The SPECIFICK REMEDY or ELIXIR mentioned in This *Scheme:* Or of these Soverain

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mentioned in the *Essay* writ upon them: Or of the *Anti-Arthritick Tincture* mentioned in the System of the GOUT and RHEUMATISM, Or of the *Great Restorative*, mentioned in the Treatise of *Gleets* all which now Sell and have done for these several Years past extraordinary well, not only Here in *London*, where the Call for them increases every Day, but also Abroad, being in great Esteem and Reputation not only throughout both Parts of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, and most of our Plantations, (great quantities having of late been exported by Merchants, Captains of *Ships*, Sea-Surgeons, and others). But also are now very much esteem'd in *France*, *Holland*, *Germany*, and several other Countries and Courts of *Europe*, being continually sent for thither to the entire satisfaction of all those who use 'em: They shall have room for very Large Profit. At the Sign of the Celebrated Annodyne NECKLACE for Childrens TEETH without *Temple Bar*. For which reason the Author, being willing to encourage the Exportation of 'em for the general Good of Mankind (which hitherto

has inconteſtably appeared to be ſo, from the many Certificates of their ſucceſs from ſeveral Parts, and the general conſent of all who uſe 'em of both Sexes) for that end, has now publiſh'd This Scheme not only in *Engliſh* and *French* but alſo an Abſtract and Epitome of it, in ſeveral other Languages, for the Uſe & Benefit of all *European* Foreigners; But eſpecially *Merchants* and others *Trading* to *France*: *Germany*: *Holland*: *Spain*: *Italy*: *Portugal*: *Sweden*: *Denmark*: *Poland*: *Muſcovy*: *Turkey*: &c. They having obtained Reputation alſo now in ſeveral of theſe Countries.

I deſire my Reader to give me leave to trouble him here with an Account of a *few* particular Cures of the GOUT, performed by the *Anti-Arthritick Tincture* mentioned in the New Syſtem of the GOUT and *Rheumatiſm*. Given Gratis at the places abovementioned.

The following Certificate was ſent (entirely unknown to the Author) to London incloſed in a Letter to Mr. *Pinckard* Attorney at Law, over the *Water-Stairs* in *Durham-Yard* in the *Strand*: part of which Letter is as follows.

Dear Son, Hilſton, Jan. 8. 1718.

THis is to acquaint you, how I have been attacked, and how wonderfully alſo I have been relieved by the Tincture for the GOUT, *which you ſent me laſt Spring. I deſire this Teſtimony which I here ſend you, may be publiſhed, and I will teſtifie the Truth of it to all Perſons enquiring of me about it, as I deſire alſo the ſame of you to do*, &c.

I Robert Needham *the Elder, of* Hilſton *near* Monmouth, Gent. *having been above* 30 *Years Afflicted with the* GOUT, *and for many of theſe Years I had it in my Shoulders, Elbows, Hands, Knees and Feet, and this frequently altogether at one and the ſame time; and thereby obliged for near* 6 *Weeks together at a time to lie both Night and Day in my Cloaths, and my Stomach paul'd, and my ſelf reduced to the utmoſt Weakneſs. I abovementioned, do for the benefit of others, hereby Certifie that ſome time ago I was violently ſeized in both my Feet with the* GOUT, *expecting the ſame or worſe Treatment I uſually had, but then and for ſome ſmall time after I continuing to take of the Remedy prepared for this end by the Author of the New Syſtem of the* GOUT *and Rheumatiſm, having ſent for it from* London, *to have in readyneſs by me; thro God Almighty's Bleſſing in* 3 *Days time it carried off all Pain, preſerved my Stomach very well, and kept my Body very eaſy, and in ſuch good temper, that I could walk about my Houſe, and do now walk abroad without Cane or Staff which for moſt part of* 6 *Months I could not do, having frequently Pains in my Ancles and Feet, of which I am now entirely freed. Witneſs my Hand this* 30. *of* Dec. 1717. R. Needham.

Some time after Mr. *Needham* writ the following Letter to the ſame Gentleman his Son in Law.

DEar Son, *The* Tincture *for the Gout and Rheumatiſm begins to grow famous in theſe Parts. I have given ſome of the* Syſtems *among the beſt Gentlemen in my Neighbourhood, who have ſent for Bottles of the* Tincture: *And I have been applied to by many to know the Truth of my Cure. And a Neighbouring Gentleman deſired to have the Account of my Cure from my own Mouth, which I gave him, and he has ſent for 2 Bottles. My Wife, ſince my Recovery, fell very ill with the Rheumatiſm, and the Remedy ſoon eaſed her. Another Perſon even confined to his Bed, and not able to ſtir Hand or Foot, ſent to me for ſome ſpare part of my Bottle, and was ſoon by it able to walk about; they ſent me abundance of Thanks. I am, &c.*

R. Needham.

Upon this Succeſs of the Remedy on Eſq; *Needham*, a Neighbouring Gentleman ſorely afflicted with the Gout, writ the following Letters to Mr. Langhorn in Bedford-ſtreet, Covent-Garden.

SIR, *Your Father* Needham *having found ſuch great Benefit by the Tincture for the* Gout, *and ſent me the Book that treats of it to peruſe, I deſire you will ſend me a Bottle of it. Where you buy it, you may give them my Name down, for I ſhall not be aſham'd of uſing it. I am, &c.*

B. Hall.

DEar Sir, *Your Father* Needham *dined with me laſt Thurſday, as he went to* Lidney, *and does brag moſt wonderfully of his Cure. He has alſo ſince cured your Mother and Mr.* Fletcher *of the* Rheumatiſm *with the ſame Remedy, and has given it to Mr.* Evans. *I am, &c.*

B. Hall.

The following Acknowledgement was from Mr. *Smither*, an eminent Undertaker in *Barbican* near *Cripplegate*.

I *Hereby acknowledge that for theſe* 12 *Years paſt I have been afflicted grievouſly with the* GOUT *in my Feet: And for theſe* 7 *or* 8 *Years paſt, I have had it in my Knees, and between my Hips, ſo that I have not been able to ſit upright, but to lie all along upon one Side; And alſo my Hands, Elbows and Shoulders have been ſo bad, that I was not able to lift a Cup of Drink to my Mouth. I have alſo had it ſo ſorely in my Stomach, that all my Friends diſpaired of my Life, and that I have ſat up ſeveral Nights and Days, not being able to get my Cloths off and on. Alſo that I have not been able to get up and down Stairs but by ſliding down upon my Back-ſide. This has been my hard Fate every Winter for the laſt Term of Years, except ſome ſmall Intervals, having had no Shoes on my Feet for* 7 *or* 8 *Months in the Year, but what was cut up the middle and laced with Strings.*

About Michaelmas *laſt, I was, as uſual, attack'd with a moſt grievous Fit, I had recourſe to ſeveral Remedies, but no Relief. At laſt I was adviſed to the* Tincture *belonging to the* Syſtem, *&c. I ſent for it, and which I took of according to the Directions ſealed up therewith, by which I found my ſelf much better in my Feet (where the* GOUT *then had ſettled) and got my Shoes on again, and with a*

Couple of Sticks, went about my Business, & at last, could go with one Stick, so that I went to the Tavern with a Friend, and almost forgot I had the Gout. *For I believe I could have gone home without my Stick, had I not had it with me. And on the Tuesday following I went from my House about 9 a Clock in the Morning on Foot to Long-Acre. And I can now go as far as from the Royal Exchange to Charing Cross, with the help of one Stick, and at this time I am very clear of the* Gout *in my Hands, Elbows, Shoulders, Stomach,* &c. *and have been so ever since I felt the Working of the Remedy.* John Smither *in Barbican near Cripplegate.*

HAving been for above 9 Years very much afflicted with the GOUT, and not been able to rise out of my Bed, having not had any Part free from violent Pain, and for almost 2 Years gone with Crutches, and been under several eminent Doctors Hands, and found no Ease. I read in the publick News of a Tincture for the *Gout* belonging to the New System of that Distemper, and apply'd my self to it: And tho I went with Crutches before, yet I was soon able to go without, not having been able for 3 Winters past to come out of my Chamber: But by the Blessing of God and this Tincture, I have not been confined to it this Season. For the publick Good I will satisfy any Person of the Truth of it. *Paul Dewey*, At my House in Woolwich-Lane in *Greenwich*.

TO all Persons afflicted and laid up with the GOUT, I hereby testify that having had a confirmed *Gout* these 9 Years past, to such a Degree, that I was an entire Cripple, not being able to go without Crutches, having lost almost the total use of my Limbs by it. I took all things I could hear of, but to no purpose, till I took of that most excellent Anti-Arthritick Remedy belonging to the New System of the *Gout and Rheumatism*, by which I am to a Miracle recovered, cured, and restored to the perfect use of my Limbs, being as able to go without my Crutches as ever I could in my Life, which before I happily took of this Remedy, I could never do. Of the Truth of which I will satisfy any Person. *Tho. Wiggins* Printer, at the Black Bull in Osier-Lane, near *West-Smithfield*. *Dec.* 17. 1717.

MR. *Gore*, Master of the Pale-Ale Brew-house, at the *Swan-Inn* on *Holborn-Bridge*, who was very well known to be a remarkable Instance of the *GOUT* for above 20 Years, after having taken of this *Tincture* was pleased to express himself in Writing in this manner.

I have with a great deal of Pleasure Read over the New System of the *GOUT* and *Rheumatism*, and believe the Observations therein contained to be founded upon the Principles of Reason. *I* have also taken of the Anti-Arthritick Tincture therein recommended for the Gout, whose Tyranny *I* have been under for near 2 or 3 and 20 Years. *I* shall will-

ingly lay hold of any Opportunity to let the World know the Eſteem I have for it, and I hope to be ſoon able to go abroad, and perſonally to confirm what I now write. I have thrown away many Scores of Pounds upon the *GOUT* to no purpoſe, & have loſt many hundreds more by the hindrance for ſeveral Years in my Buſineſs. I am drawing apace towards 60 Years of Age, and I hope I ſhall be able with Confidence to ſay, that the *GOUT* is no longer a *REPROACH to Medicine*. Since I took of the *Tincture*, my Old Enemy has been Aſſaulting me, but with no great violence, ſo that I hope they are only farewell Struggles. *John Gore.*

This Gentleman beſides the Money he was pleaſed to lay out, ſent a Cask of Fine Ale to be left at the Anodyne Necklace without *Temple-Bar* for the Author, for a Preſent, as a Mark of the Eſteem he had for this *Tincture*, above all other Medicines he ever took before.

THE following Commendation of this *Tincture* was from a Commander in the Army, whoſe Name I muſt not mention, not having leave ſo to do.———Having taken of the *Tincture* for the *Gouc* with which *I* have been a Cripple almoſt 20 Years, I have the Pleaſure to ſay that my *Gout* left me on *Wedneſday* laſt, and *I* have been every Day ſince able to Walk. *I* have the greateſt Opinion of the *Tincture* even in the moſt deſperate Fits of the *Gout*, for I am poſitive it will agree with & do ſervice to moſt, if not all Conſtitutions, &c.

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